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## St. Charles “In The Know” Team

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- St. Charles hockey makes district finals
- SC basketball still alive in state tournament
- Kevin Hennessey proves worth of legs, gets 8th in state in 3200m

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By Will Prophater '19

Sir Francis Bacon was quoted saying, “knowledge is power” all the way back in 1597. Today, that same mentality still reigns true here at Saint Charles, especially on the “In The Know” Team. The team, which consists of about a eighteen students who are on either the JV or Varsity team, competes with many other schools in competitions around the state. The team, coached by Mr. Alex Connor, practices once a week after school on Thursdays and has competitions about every weekend. I was able to interview one of the members of the team, Markus Almsteadt ('19).

**Q- How is team doing this year in competitions?**

A- Very well

**Q- Have you participated in many competitions lately?**

A- Not recently

**Q- Is it a fun team to be on?**

A- Yeah, I really enjoy it.

**Q- Do you like the coach?**

A- Yes, everybody on the team respects him.-

**Q- If you could change one thing about the competitions, what would it be?**

A- No, I love how it is.

**Q- Are you on the Varsity or JV team?**

A- The JV Team

**Q- I hear that the Varsity team has made some money recently?**

A- Yes, they won \$4,000 last year and were on TV.

**Q- How big are the tourna-**

**ments would you say?**

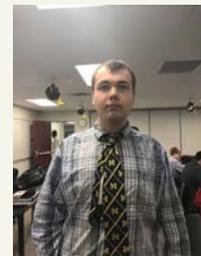
A- It varies in size, anywhere from a few schools to about two dozen.

**Q- Would you recommend that others join the team?**

A- Yes, I have a great time!

If you have any questions about the In The Know Team, contact Coach Connor at

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Markus Almsteadt '19

## National Security Advisor Flynn Fired by Trump

By Sean Grim '19

“You’re fired” is a phrase that Mr. Trump was known to say regularly from his show, “The Apprentice,” that aired regularly on NBC. Most recently, however, Mr. Trump put this phrase to work in his new occupation as President of The United States. President Trump recently fired his National Security Advisor who was being scrutinized for

his former ties with the Russian government. Mr. Trump has also fired about 19 White House staff members this past week.

President Trump’s National Security Advisor Michael Flynn attended an event in Moscow, Russia in 2015 that was hosted by a Russian media company. Flynn sat at the same table as Russian President Vladimir Putin. The

problem with this trip is that Flynn was paid for attending this event, and he had not received consent from Congress. As a retired general, he is not permitted to accept money from a foreign government unless otherwise authorized by congress.

However, this is not the main reason for his dismissal. Mr. Flynn reportedly had undisclosed conversations with

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## 3 Great Albums That You Haven't Heard

By Jeffrey Stevens '17

While favoring trendy pop songs like Stairway to Heaven, Bohemian Rhapsody, and Hey Jude is normal and assures others of your good taste in music, there are plenty of songs and artists that our ears sadly do not grant an audience to for a myriad of reasons. In order to help you discover some great, critically-acclaimed music, the following is a list of excellent, yet less popular, albums from various genres. I guarantee that there will be something enjoyable for every listener.

### 1. Modal Soul - Nujabes (2005) [Jazz, Hip Hop, Relaxation]

Regarded as the best album from the Japanese hip-hop producer Nujabes, *Modal Soul* is a unique album that features Nujabes' signature calming piano, driving the melody to a classic snare and bass hip-hop beat. In addition to hip-hop, Nujabes mixes delightful jazz and spoken word into a collection of solid songs, most of which could hold their own as single releases. Especially noteworthy is the rap "Luv (Sic) Part 3," a home-run combination of meaningful bars and hypnotic grand piano. All

around, this is a perfect album for a relaxing afternoon.

### 2. - Fresh Fruit for Rotting Vegetables - The Dead Kennedys (1980) [Punk, Classic Rock]

The Dead Kennedys fuse a Motley Crue type of hard rock with a vocalist that greatly inspired the System of a Down, and they complete the sound with heavy bass lines that might remind movie buffs of the song that plays during the introduction of *Pulp Fiction*. Packed with polarizing political messages, especially the controversial "Holiday in Cambodia" that made it into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, this album was clearly the progenitor of the modern punk music that slowly lost popularity around the mid-2000s. However, this album is not just an hour of rage; there's a great cover of Elvis Presley's "Viva Las Vegas" and even the comically upbeat song "Funland at The Beach" about a tragedy on a boardwalk. If you are a listener of classic rock, *Fresh Fruit for Rotting Vegetables* is a sublime choice to discover something a bit... different.

### 3. The Black Halo - Kamelot (2005) [Symphonic Metal]

This band uniquely features a professional opera singer, Roy Khan, as its lead vocalist and backs him up with a progressive metal band, string orchestra, and angelic choir. While a concept like this seems cheesy, Roy Khan's exceptional vocals remove any sense of brooding or angst that might be conveyed by other bands of a similar style. A dramatic concept album with Faustian themes, *The Black Halo* is truly a showing of Kamelot in their prime. Their trademarked soaring guitar solos and charging-percussion delivery that are present throughout the album's highlights such as "The Haunting," "Memento Mori," and "Serenade" cannot be described with any word besides epic. Listeners of metal and even classical and opera will be pleased by what the blend of the genres transforms into in *The Black Halo*.

## NFL Ratings Decline

By Connor Brainard '19

For many years, football has been considered America's favorite sport. According to Business Insider, 33% of American adults selected football as their favorite sport in a national survey. However, various factors have led to a dramatic decline in television ratings of NFL games. Will the NFL be victorious in its battle with dissatisfactory ratings and return professional football to its former glory? The NFL plans to expand its market to new audiences in order to continue to increase yearly revenue and to combat recent troubling ratings.

The NFL is a growing, well-structured business that produces billions of dollars through media contracts, ticket sales, apparel, and sponsorships. The league consists of thirty-two franchises led by Commissioner Roger Goodell. As the NFL Commis-

sioner, Goodell's job serves several purposes. He is in charge of negotiating contract deals, settling player wage disputes with the NFLPA, and maintaining league policies. The owner of each NFL franchise pays Roger Goodell for his services. In 2014, Roger Goodell's paychecks amounted to \$34.1 million. Since 2008, the NFL has paid Goodell a shocking \$205.8 million. More importantly, Goodell has increased the NFL's revenue by more than 50% since 2010. Furthermore, the NFL is predicted to exceed \$13.1 billion in revenue during the 2016-17 season. The majority of the NFL's income comes from media contracts and broadcasting rights. However, with the television ratings declining recently, the NFL is projected to take a massive hit from corresponding loss of advertising.

This past year, the NFL was plagued by a gross decline in the viewer ratings of primetime football games.

Since last year, *Sports Illustrated* identified that Monday Night Football is down 24%, Sunday Night Football has reached a decline of 19%, and Thursday Night Football has dropped 18%. The only two games that actually increased ratings were the matchups between the Steelers-Cowboys and the Patriots-Seahawks. League executives have recognized the lower numbers and many have blamed the awful ratings on distracted viewers. The biggest scapegoat was the controversial election. Large audiences tuned in to watch the unorthodox presidential debates and news stations that covered scandals concerning both candidates.

Even though the election might have caused some viewers to not watch football, the main problem was not the election; it was the length games. Advertisements, play reviews, timeouts, and

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## The city of Lights or the City of Hockey?

By Griffin Hill '19

The city of Las Vegas has been interested in obtaining a professional sports team for, what it seems like, forever. Although the NFL aspirations did not work out for the great City of Lights, at the onset of the 2017-2018 season, the NHL will have a new member: The Las Vegas Golden Knights. The Golden Knights of Sin City will join the Pacific Division in the Western Conference. This expansion team probably had more controversy than any other in the past simply because of its location being in Las Vegas, knowing the players will be surrounded by gambling venues and other attractions distracting them from hockey. This is also the most expensive expansion team in NHL history, costing the city 500 million dollars, 420 million more than when the Minnesota Wild and Columbus Blue Jackets joined the league in 2000.

**Now how exactly can a team just join the league, where do they get their players?**

Questions asked by many, and if you are

not familiar with the expansion process, this can be tricky to understand.

First, the NHL expansion draft will occur June 18-20. In this draft the Vegas Golden Knights will select one player from all 30 teams in the NHL, but those teams will not be forced to give up their top talent. Every team can protect players through two methods stated by the NHL expansion team guidelines, as the teams will choose which of the two options they want. The NHL states, "1) Either seven forwards, three defensemen, and one goalie are protected, or 2) protect eight total skaters (forwards/defenseman) and one goalie." The National Hockey league will also grant the Golden Knights draft picks in the normal draft, via the draft lottery, and are given the same chances as the team with the least amount of points from the 2016-2017 season to win the first overall pick.

The Las Vegas Golden Knights management, led by owner Bill Foley and General Manager George McPhee, will quietly sit back and observe the ways of the NHL for the rest of this sea-

son, but come June they will be in the spotlight, putting together their team in the expansion and entry drafts. The Golden Knights are going to be playing their games at the T-Mobile Arena, in Las Vegas, Nevada, this coming fall, and will hope to live up to somewhat big expectations.



*The Logo for the new Las Vegas NHL team (Image courtesy of Google Images)*

## Flynn Fired Continued

a certain Russian ambassador before Trump's inauguration concerning certain sanctions that would be put into place, or lifted. Flynn lied to Vice President Mike Pence about what was said during these conversations. Mr. Flynn was under investigation because it was believed that he could possibly be blackmailed by the Russian government. The Russians knew what was said on the call and could blackmail Flynn into doing something so they would not reveal the lie he told.

This is a great example of the United States government's strong repellent towards corruption and blackmail. It is a classic example of the old adage that the cover-up is usually worse than the crime in Washington's halls of power.



*The recently fired Michael Flynn (right). Public Hearings on the Trump campaign's ties to Russia to begin March 20th. (Image Courtesy of CNN)*

## NFL Ratings Decline Continued

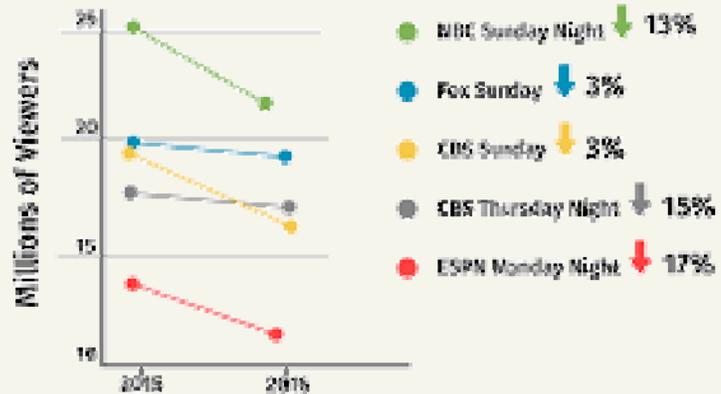
broadcasting bits extended the NFL games to the point where viewers become bored or tired. Instead of watching the annoying commercial breaks, fans can rely on score updates and highlights that sporting apps provide. Another important contributing factor is the fact that viewers may not own television packages that provide them with the NFL or ESPN networks. Cable television packages increase the amount of money spent on bills that some people are simply unwilling to pay.

In hope of attracting viewers and increase its ratings, the NFL has already attempted to appeal to different fanbases. The NFL used the Dallas Cowboys success to excite and attract the largest fanbase in the NFL. The Dallas Cowboys have been recognized as "America's Team" since the days of the famous Roger Staubach and the elusive Tony Dorsett. According to *Forbes*, the Cowboys franchise has been the most valuable team in the NFL at a net worth of \$4.2 billion and an annual revenue of \$700 million for ten consecutive years. The Cowboys led the NFL in average attendance rate and merchandise sold for most of 2016. The Cowboys, led by rookies Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott, dominated the NFC East which excited fans who hoped for a Super Bowl appearance. For that reason, the NFL purposely

scheduled the Cowboys to play more primetime games and made the Cowboys magical season the constant talk of broadcasting networks. After the Cowboys were eliminated, the NFL hoped to attract viewers with the matchup of

lisberger vs. Tom Brady and Matt Ryan vs. Aaron Rodgers. On the other hand, the NFL has also focused on expanding to foreign audiences by scheduling football games that were played in London and Mexico City.

*NFL Ratings drop immensely after a record year (Courtesy of Newsday)*



Ben Roeth-

*Breakdown by program and day of ratings decline (Courtesy of Google)*

## NFL Honors

By George Economus '19

On February 4, 2017, one day before Super Bowl LI, the NFL hosted the 6th annual NFL Honors show to acknowledge the NFL's greatest Players and Coaches. Matt Ryan won "MVP," "FedEX Air Player of the Year," and "Offensive Player of the Year," joining Cam Newton and many others who would go on to lose the Super Bowl, as the most valuable regular season player. Ryan had a career year, passing for 4,944 yards. The Falcons' Offensive Coordinator, Kyle Shanahan, was also honored as "Assistant Coach of the Year" after producing the NFL's most

efficient offense. The Dallas Cowboys as a team received 5 honors. Dak Prescott, a rookie from Mississippi State, received both the "Pepsi NEXT Rookie of the Year" and "Offensive Rookie of the Year" after passing for 3,667 yards and 23 Touchdowns. Fellow Rookie teammate, Ezekiel Elliott, from Ohio State, won "FedEX Ground Player of the Year" after rushing for 1,631 yards behind the "Built Ford Tough Offensive Line of the Year."

To round out their five awards, the Dallas Cowboys' head coach, Jason Garrett, won "Coach of the Year." Other Award winners include Oakland's Khalil

Mack who won "Defensive Player of the Year." San Diego's Joey Bosa, a rookie from Ohio State, who won "Defensive Rookie of the Year," and Green Bay's Jordy Nelson who won the "Comeback Player of the Year" after returning from a torn ACL. The "Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award" was given to both Eli Manning and Larry Fitzgerald for being active in their communities. To end the night, the 2017 Hall of Fame Class, including LaDainian Tomlinson, Morten Andersen, Jason Taylor, Kenny Easley, Jerry Jones, Terrell Davis, and Kurt Warner, were inducted into the Hall of Fame.

## The Dying Bumble-Bee

Cameron DeShetler '19

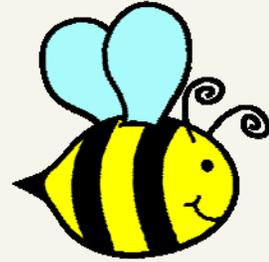
Men shudder in their boots when they see it, women faint, and children cry out in fear. However, the most frightening creature known to mankind is slowly dying off. The total of number of these terrible monsters, commonly known as bumble bees, is declining rapidly. More specifically, several species of bumble bees have been declared endangered.

Most people do not actually care that a simple-minded insect is slowly dying off, but the disappearance of these bugs is slightly problematic. Bumble bees are the primary and best pollinators of plants and flowers. They help most of the world's crops flourish. Plants are able to grow larger and produce more fruit because of bumble bees. According to the USFWS, they are the only pollinators of tomatoes! It is estimated that bumble

bees, with some other insects, provide more than three billion dollars in pollination services per year. Without them, workers in the agricultural industry would face harder times, grocery stores would have less produce to sell, and a large portion of the economy would decline. There's also the fact that most of the world's ecosystem would die off.

There are still many ways of dealing with the extinction of bees, ranging from simple to extremely complex. Some of the more simple ways includes planting bee-friendly flowers, decreasing the use of pesticides or herbicides, or restraining from killing even one of these terrifying creatures. Some scientists have additionally taken a pessimistic approach and created a replacement for bumble bees. Japanese scientists created an artificial pollinator using a drone, horse hairs, and an extremely sticky gel. The modi-

fied drones are successful at transferring pollen from plant to plant, but they are definitely not cost efficient. It is extremely unlikely that the "bee-bots" would become a practical successor for bees anytime soon, making it all the more important that we protect the bees we have left, no matter how scary they may be.



*The horrific bumble-bee (Image courtesy of Google Images)*

## Brady and Co. Win a Thriller in Houston

By Thomas Jeffrey '19

On February 5, 2017, the 51<sup>st</sup> Super Bowl took place, and it did not disappoint. The New England Patriots, the steely AFC champions led by the experienced Tom Brady, clashed with the Atlanta Falcons, the young, talented NFC champions led by their MVP quarterback Matt Ryan. The two teams put on an instant classic, and it was a great game between two great teams.

The game started out as a defensive battle. Despite Tom Brady and Matt Ryan being the two quarterbacks going head to head, both teams struggled to score early. It was not until Atlanta forced a fumble to give the offense great field position in the second quarter and Devonta Freeman ran a short handoff into the end zone that a team took the lead. Atlanta began to pour it on after the touchdown. Matt Ryan threw a perfect pass into the end zone to tight end Austin Hooper to give the falcons a 14 point lead. Then, Brady made a rare mistake by throwing an interception to Robert Alford who returned it for a touchdown. The Patriots were able to make a field goal to get on the board, but the Falcons were

in control with a 21-3 halftime lead.

Atlanta carried its momentum into the second half when Matt Ryan threw a quick, short touchdown pass to Tevin Coleman to take a commanding 25 point lead. With all hope seeming to be lost, the Patriots finally began to find some rhythm. Brady led a long drive down the field and capped off a short pass to James White to finally strike pay dirt. However, a missed extra point still made it a 19 point game with Atlanta having a 28-9 lead. New England's defense finally began to contain Matt Ryan and his offense and give their offense the ball back. Brady led another long drive only to be sacked twice in the red zone, forcing them to settle for a field goal. Atlanta still had a 16 point lead and the opportunity to burn some clock. Instead, they opted to throw and ended up fumbling to give the Patriots, finally with some momentum, the ball back. This time Brady took full advantage of the situation by throwing a touchdown to Danny Amendola, and James White successfully ran in the two-point conversion to make it only an eight point game. The Falcons gave the ball right back to the surging Patriots, and Tom Brady, once

again with poor field position, took charge. He converted a crucial third down and several passes, including a tipped pass to Julian Edelman off an amazing catch. James White ran in for the touchdown, and Brady completed a pass to Amendola for the two-point conversion. Somehow, the Patriots managed to force overtime for the first time in Super Bowl history.

The Patriots won the toss, and elected to receive, giving them a huge advantage with the current NFL overtime rules. Brady continued his impressive second half by completing a barrage of downfield passes to different receivers. In the blink of an eye, the Patriots were in scoring position and after two pass interference penalties on the Falcons, it was inevitable that the Patriots were going to score. On the two-yard line, Brady pitched it to White who ran in for the touchdown to bring New England, and Tom Brady, their fifth Super Bowl victory. After an improbable comeback, the Patriots proved they are one of the most impressive dynasties in sports, and Tom Brady proved that he is the G.O.A.T. in a Super Bowl that will be one for the ages.

## MLB Preview

By Jack Haney '19

After a season in which a 107-year World Series drought ended, four icons retired and a major youth movement occurred in MLB, the 2017 season has big shoes to fill. Mark Teixeira and Alex Rodriguez retired from a rebuilding Yankee team, announcing-great Vin Scully retired and the postseason Red Sox legend David Ortiz retired, also. 2017 is sure to thrill with intense pennant and award races, and dark-horse teams.



*The now retired David Ortiz thanks his fans (Image courtesy of Bleacher Report)*

The American league saw an incredible post-season run for the Indians and a powerful East division. The AL also found itself with reeling divisions in the Central and West, including the Rangers and, to an extent, the Tigers. The East, surprisingly, had three teams make serious post-season runs in the Red Sox, Blue Jays, and the Orioles. The East is also home to the resurging Yankees lead by Gary Sanchez. My predictions for the upcoming season are as follows:

### AL West

The Rangers will repeat as the division winner, with the Mariners and Astros not far behind. Rougned Odor and Adrian Beltre will lead the offense with an increasingly dominant Yu Darvish leading the pitching staff. The Mariners should prove to be a much-improved team led by second baseman Robinson Cano and the fireballer Edwin Diaz. The Astros are an incredibly talented team that has struggled thus far to make a run into the post-season. Shortstop Carlos Correa, second baseman Jose Altuve, and outfielder George Springer should prove to make an

electric top of the order and could make a legitimate play for the AL wild card game. Expect the Angels and Athletics to struggle again this year.

### AL Central

Expect the Indians to repeat as champions, especially with the addition of Edwin Encarnacion. With their electric bullpen led by Andrew Miller and powerful offense led by Jason Kipnis, the Indians should repeat as AL champions. The Tigers and Royals should provide competition, but will not be too much of a threat for the reigning champion Indians. The White Sox and Twins are likely to struggle this year. In the future with the addition of top prospects Michael Kopech and Yoan Moncada, the White Sox could be contenders for a division title.

### AL East

The AL East should prove to be the most exciting division in baseball. With three teams battling for first place and a possible dark horse in the Yankees, expect an incredible race. The Red Sox led by Mookie Betts, Dustin Pedroia and Xander Bogaerts should provide great offense again this year, but must fill a gaping hole left by David Ortiz. They did this, to an extent, by adding Chris Sale to bolster their pitching staff. The Blue Jays should prove to be extremely explosive on offense led by Josh Donaldson, Jose Bautista and Troy Tulowitzki, but may not be strong enough on the mound to be contenders. The Orioles, much like the Blue Jays, should struggle on the mound aside from Zach Britton, but still are extremely powerful. An offense led by Chris Davis and Manny Machado is sure to excite this summer. The Yankees could turn out to be an exciting cast with the reacquisition of Aroldis Chapman and surging star Gary Sanchez. The Yankees could suffer from a lack of depth and pitching but expect them to be a force with their farm system and incredible wealth. Tampa Bay should stay in the bottom of the division but could find a star born in Chris Archer.

### AL Champion and Awards

While the race will be exciting, expect the champion to be the Red Sox

or the Indians with a slight edge to the Indians and their superior pitching staff.

MVP: Mookie Betts; after proving to be a true five tool player, expect Mookie to play well enough to usurp Mike Trout from the MVP throne.

Cy Young: Yu Darvish; after coming off of Tommy John surgery, Yu Darvish added to his vast arsenal of equally devastating pitches a blow-away fast ball, reaching the high 90s last year.

Rookie of the Year: If they qualify look for top prospects, Andrew Benintendi and Yoan Moncada.

Comeback player: Yu Darvish; after being injured most of last year, expect a stellar season this year.

### The National League

The National league saw an incredible run end with a World Series champion Chicago Cubs after a title-less 107 years. The NL should be led by Chicago but, at the same time, have interesting races brewing in the West and East. The NL race for second may be as exciting for the AL race for first.



*The Cubs Celebrate after breaking their 107 season title drought (Image courtesy of ESPN)*

### NL West

The NL West should be interesting with the Dodgers, Giants and Rockies playing well, but the Dodgers and Giants will end up pulling away. The Dodgers, led by shortstop Corey Seager and pitcher Clayton Kershaw, should prove to be formidable contenders for first. The Giants, with powerful pitching staff led by Madison Bumgarner and Johnny Cueto and offense led by Brandon Crawford and Buster

## MLB Preview Continued

Posey, should take a division championship this year. The Rockies' powerful offense led by Nolan Arenado and Carlos Gonzales will be exciting, but will suffer from an underwhelming pitching staff. The Padres and the Diamondbacks should continue to struggle in 2017.

### NL Central

Expect the Cubs to run away with this division despite the solid Cardinals. The Pirates, Brewers and Reds should all struggle this year with the Pirates the best of the three. The Cubs, led by Kris Bryant, Addison Russell and Jon Lester, will be formidable. A dominant pitching staff, explosive offense and incredible defense could lead to another ring this year. Led by Matt Carpenter and Yadier Molina, expect the Cardinals to be solid and earn a Wild Card spot. The Pirates should be competitive but will not contend with the rest of their division with a struggling McCutchen and pitching staff manning the ship. The Reds are still rebuilding, and the Brewers are as well, and will be for the next few seasons.

### NL East

The Eastern Division headed by the Mets and Nationals will be an interesting race. The Mets, with an electric pitching staff led by Noah Syndergaard and Jacob DeGrom, should revive themselves out of an injury-riddled season. The Na-

tionals, led by the phenomenal Max Scherzer, Daniel Murphy and Bryce Harper could very well be the team best suited to compete with the Cubs, but continual injury and underwhelming postseason performance could hold them back. Expect the Braves to play much better than expected, with stellar infielders Dansby Swanson and Brandon Phillips providing many highlights. The Marlins should be competitive but will struggle on the mound; expect Giancarlo Stanton to provide a power reel of astronomical proportions. The Phillies will continue to struggle in 2017.

### NL Champion and Awards

Expect the Cubs to repeat as champions, with the Giants and Nationals being the nearest contenders.

MVP: Bryce Harper; after a



*Cy Young favorite Clayton Kershaw winds up (Image courtesy of Bleacher Report)*

down season expect him to return to his proven potential, showing patience and incredible power as well as being able to hit for average.

Cy Young: Clayton Kershaw; despite great pitchers Madison Bumgarner and Max Scherzer, expect Kershaw to continue dominating from the left side reminiscent of Dodger great Sandy Koufax.

Rookie of the Year: Dansby Swanson; an incredible defender and base runner, with a great bat. Expect Swanson to be a powerful and artistic hitter and the former Vanderbilt standout to win Rookie of the Year as the first of many awards.

Comeback player: Bryce Harper; despite the doubts and struggles of the prior season, he is a great player of phenomenal ability and should resurge in 2017.

### World Series

A rematch of Cubs and the Indians. The two most prolific pitching staffs and offensive combinations should prove to provide another great World Series. The weakness of the Cubs, their bullpen, could prove to be again canceled by their incredible offense. The weakness of the Indians, lack of depth, could be combated by their pitching. Both teams are incredibly talented, experienced and could keep winning for years to come.

## Story Part 5

By William Hanna '17

Tarrin found himself sitting in the village, the woman was pacing before him and the villagers had gathered a council.

"So you come from the Alliance?" She asked.

"Yes."

"Then you are aware that you have broken the greatest rule of the Alliance?"

"We need materials to repair our ship. We were going to simply going grab

a supply and leave."

"So you admit to planning theft as well." The woman leaned in. The councilors shifted in their seats.

"Were we able to purchase the materials, we would do so." Tarrin forced himself to remain calm.

The woman turned to the councilors and spoke to them. They rose in their seats and shouted at Tarrin. One of them said something to the woman. She turned back to Tarrin and smiled.

"I have been given permission to pass judgment on you. I judge you-

"Before you pass judgment, I would like to bring another piece to the floor." Ras stepped into the room, still in the guise of a native.

"Who are you?" The woman demanded, rounding on him.

"I am Ras. And you are Jezebel Friece." The woman's jaw dropped. Ras held up a small datapad. "I got it all right here."

The woman shouted something to the villagers and the grabbed sticks as they rose to fight.

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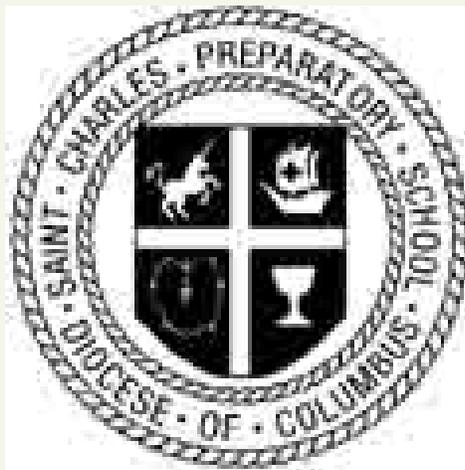
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