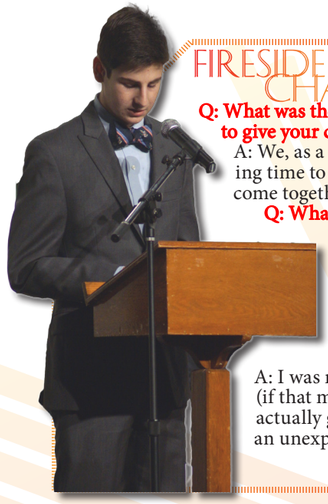

FIRESIDE CHAT with Patrick McGlinchey (VII)

Q: What was the central message you wanted to give your classmates?

A: We, as a class, need to use our remaining time to make a conscious effort to come together in a deeper way.

Q: What was the best piece of advice you received before writing and giving the speech?

A: Hudson LaMothe told me to say what I want to say, and not what other people want me to say.

Q: Were you nervous?

A: I was nervous about being nervous (if that makes any sense), but when I actually got up to give the speech I felt an unexpected sense of calm.

Mass Participation Ethan Scott (VII) reads the first reading during the Ring Ceremony Mass (pictured left). Juniors Jake Berard, Jack Albert and Ruben Garcia brought up the gifts, including the rings to be blessed, during the offering.

Gimme a Hug After the Ring Speech each member of the junior class, including Jameson Clay, received a hug from Mr. Mehen and a class ring from Fr. Peter. Remembering that moment, Jameson said, "Mr. Mehen has been a father to us all, and we his mischievous sons."

RING BEARERS

After their last semester exam Form VII receive their class rings

Patrick McGlinchey, chosen by his classmates to give the Ring Speech before the entire school, gave a speech full of humor and heart. He spoke on behalf of Form VII to their ups and downs as one class - and as one family. Represented here as a word cloud, where each word is sized in proportion to the frequency it was written into the speech, the Ring Ceremony caused many students and parents to shed a tear, either out of nostalgia or laughter. There were many words said that day, but they all spoke to one thing: class unity.

Deadpan Humor While Fr. Abbot Peter and Mr. Mehen crack up, Patrick McGlinchey (VII) keeps a straight face, perfecting the deadpan humor which had the audience laughing.