MUS Student Becomes “Visiting Author” for Fall 2018

On Friday, October 26, MUS 8th grader Vince Boberski presented his recently published book in chapel, with the collaborative efforts of several students, faculty members, and Library Director Bonnie Barnes. Three years ago, Vince submitted the concept and story line for a novel to the Story Pirates organization in a national contest. A few months later, he went to New York with his family to learn that his idea was going to be made into a novel, penned by bestselling author Geoff Rodkey.

The resulting book, *Stuck in the Stone Age*, has Vince’s name on the cover and title page, along with Rodkey and illustrator Hatem Aly. Barnes showed the video of his getting the news, played the book trailer, and introduced interviewer John Mann as the guest of the day; Vince Boberski came on stage for the Masterpiece Theatre-style interview, spoofing other chapel programs that have taken the same format.

Boberski answered questions about his experience with the book and encouraged everyone to give creative writing a try—“the worst that can happen is that no one will read it.” Mrs. Barnes then talked to students about using their creativity in writing, music, and art while they’re at a peak creative point in their lives. Finally, Devin Malone appeared from behind the curtain and read a passage from the book to the whole student body, with a group of Lower School students coming up on stage. A book signing in the foyer followed.

Get the Goodies During Exam Week!

This semester, the Library Staff and parent volunteers will once again serve breakfast items, chocolate milk, juice, and “Good Luck” wishes to students who come by.

Each exam day, we’ll start serving in the library foyer at 7:45. Food and drink must stay in the foyer or outside.
Story Pirates Promote Creativity

The Story Pirates organization sent two of their actors to conduct a workshop on creativity and improvisation during 7th period, Friday, October 26. The actors were in town to present three shows to Memphis area students downtown at the Orpheum, and they worked with the English classes of Mrs. Crews and Mrs. McWaters for an hour, getting exhausted students to move around, laugh, and loosen up during the final period of the week. Vince Boberski, one of Mrs. Crews’ students, attended the downtown Orpheum shows, signing books and watching students act out scenes from his collaborative creation, Stuck in the Stone Age. Local television station WMC-TV showed a clip featuring Boberski as part of their “Five Good Things in Memphis” weekly list.

Library Staff Picks

Mycroft and Sherlock by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (FIC A136my)
Rising War Office star Mycroft Holmes persuades his brother, Sherlock, to volunteer at a friend’s orphanage, where the suspicious death of a street urchin and a mysterious Chinese woman lead the brothers into the London opium trade’s dark underside.

Bridge of Clay by Marcus Zusak (FIC ZG6br)
Upon their father’s return, the five Dunbar boys, who have raised themselves since their mother’s death, begin to learn family secrets, including that of fourth brother Clay, who will build a bridge for complex reasons, including his own redemption.

On Desperate Ground: The Marines at the Reservoir, the Korean War’s Greatest Battle by Hampton Sides, Class of 1980 (951.90424 55680)
A chronicle of the extraordinary feats of heroism by Marines called on to do the impossible during the greatest battle of the Korean War.

The Reckoning by John Grisham (FIC G869re)
In a major novel unlike anything he has written before, John Grisham takes us on an incredible journey, from the Jim Crow South to the jungles of the Philippines during World War II, from an insane asylum filled with secrets to the Clanton courtroom where Pete’s defense attorney tries desperately to save him.