



## Ten Questions With Lucy Oetting

### *Interview With Mrs. Noppinger*

By Lucy Oetting '25

This past fall, I had the opportunity to speak with one of our teachers, Mrs. Noppinger. She teaches math and science to 4th and 5th graders. She is also the director of our school's theater program, and a graduate of IHM! Here is some of the conversation that we had. My questions will be in bold, and Mrs. Noppinger's answers will follow.

**What is your funniest story from teaching at IHM?**

My funniest story was recently when I got pried in the face by my student Gabby Reyes, for the readathon fundraiser. And I had whipped cream in my hair for so long until I showered. It was just a really funny time for all the school.

**How did you come to love theater and what was your first play that you were in?**

My parents loved theater and went to see many shows when I was little. Then when I went to IHM for sixth grade I auditioned for my first play which was *Godspell Jr.* After that, I loved theater, loved being in plays and haven't stopped since I was 11. I also became a director for IHM theater department in 2021 with the first play I directed, *Disney's Descendants*. I also have a secret passion for costume designing as I studied it in college along with theater.



**What did you name your baby and why?**

I named my baby Ember Rae because light has always been important to me and my relationship with God and also how she is the light of our lives.

**What job do you think you would do if you weren't a teacher?**

If I wasn't a teacher I would love to be a costume designer or a professional choreographer like how I choreographed for the many shows at IHM.

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**What is the real reason you became a teacher?**

When I was little I would come home and teach my homework to my stuffed animals, and my imaginary friend. I loved helping teachers with different jobs. Then I felt that God was calling me to become a teacher. And once I stepped inside a classroom seeing happy faces and wonderful students I decided that teaching was for me with helping students and I really enjoyed watching them grow.

**Why did you choose to teach your specific grades and why teach math and science?**

My favorite subject to teach is math because I like how it makes you problem solve and it's very interesting how it connects and builds on one another and how the problems help me learn many strategies. I chose to teach science because it connects a lot to math with data and measurements and it lets you explore the world just from a classroom. I chose to teach fourth grade and fifth grade because it's my sweet spot. We can do so many fun things together. They also always have stories to tell.

**What was your favorite vacation ever?**

My favorite vacation that I ever took was when I went to London, England. I went to the theater so I got to see multiple shows and got to explore the globe theater, one of the oldest theaters.

**Did you work anywhere before IHM and where?**

I worked as a dance teacher. Then, a long term substitute in Baltimore county at Colgate elementary school.

**Who was your favorite teacher and why?**

My favorite teacher was Mr Fletcher, he taught me math in high school and he was the first teacher to encourage me to follow my dreams to become a teacher.

**What is one life lesson you will never forget and who told you it?**

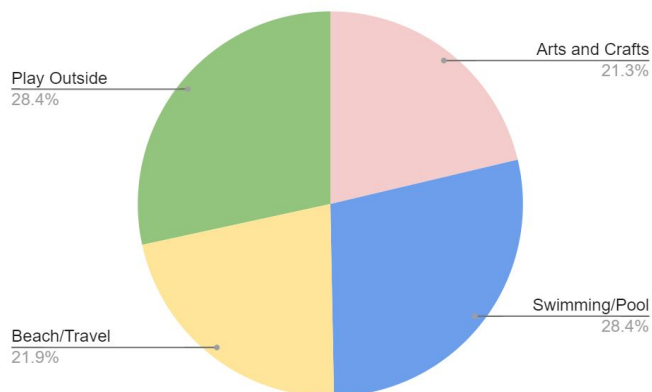
It is definitely my mom. She taught me to "Do everything as best as you can and that's all that matters." She encouraged me to work hard to always achieve my goals.

**IHM Summer Survey**

By Lucy Oetting '25

What are you doing this summer? We took to the hallways of IHM to find out what IHM students have in store for summer 2024!

Most students are planning to do activities outside, like going to the beach, the pool, or just playing outside. Some kids prefer to stay indoors and do creative activities, like drawing and making crafts. Whatever you do, we hope you have the best summer you can! And we will see you in the new school year!





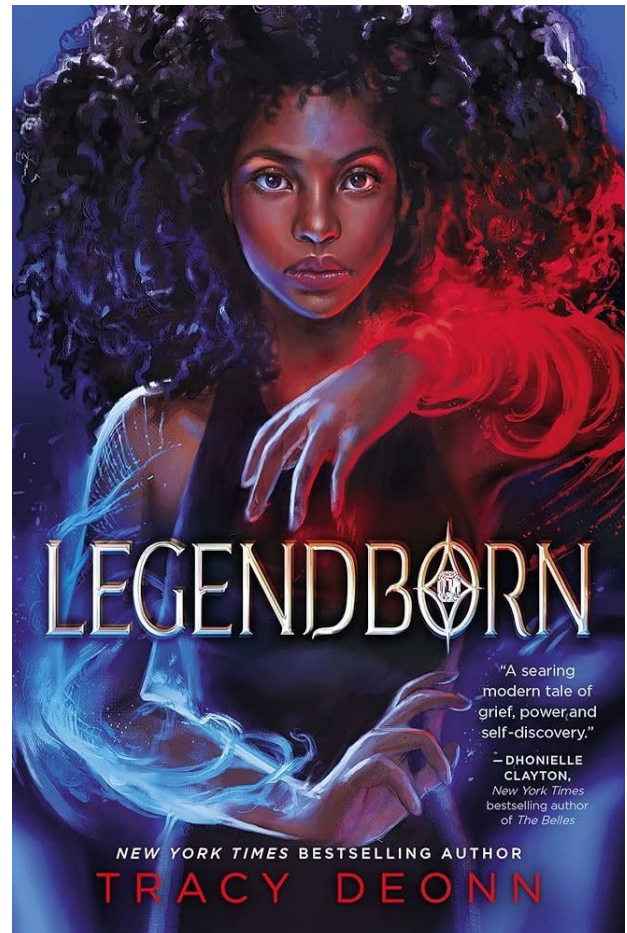
## Book Review

By Savannah Krupey '25

"Legendborn" is a fantasy book series following a 16-year-old girl who recently lost her mother in a car crash. The first book starts off with this teenager named Bree receiving the tough news that her mom has unfortunately passed away in a car crash. Bree is obviously distraught over this and is starting to worry her father, so he decides it would be best if she went to the early college program to which she was previously accepted. Bree and her best friend Alice wind up attending this school, but once Bree gets there, things start to get crazier and crazier.

One night, Bree and Alice decide to attend a party off-campus. This is where Bree witnesses some unusual occurrences that might or might not involve magic and demons. After this night, Bree's world is turned upside down with the possibility that her mom's death might not have been an accident. Once Bree gathers herself and figures out her next move, the only thing driving her is hatred and revenge. However, despite what you might think, there is more to this story than just a boring murder mystery. It involves self-discovery, friendship, and a touch of romance.

I love the way this book makes the characters feel very real and human instead of merely giving them one or two personality traits that describe their whole character. They react like real humans would to difficult or scary situations, they react like I would in these situations. The book also portrays the 5 stages of grief and discrimination astonishingly well. Not only did I feel for the main character, but also with many of the side/background characters.

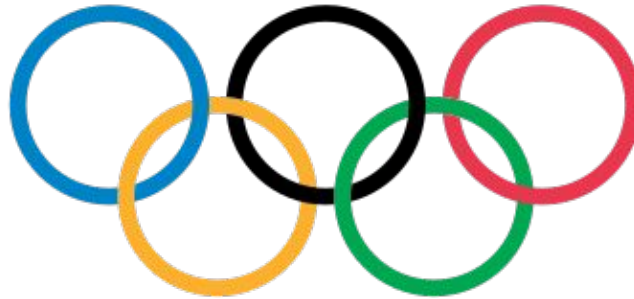


This is a five-book series, with the second book titled "Bloodborn" already available, and the third one on its way. I give this series a 4/5 for its compelling story and enjoyable reading experience. However, there were some scenes that were just a bit adult, which is why I would recommend this to middle school and young adult readers. So, if you're looking for an interesting murder mystery/fantasy/romance book, I would recommend checking it out.

Happy Reading!



# PARIS 2024



By Oliver Addison '25

Start your countdown to Paris 2024! We're close to one month away, but don't worry here's everything you need to know. This year in Paris we have four new sports: breaking, surfing, skateboarding, and lastly sport climbing.

You may be asking yourself what these sports are and I'm here to tell you! Breaking is a competitive version of break dancing. Surfing is a sport when you are on a board and take and ride waves out in the ocean. Skateboarding is where a rider tries to do flips and other tricks while in the air. Lastly we have sport climbing where each of the contestants will try to climb up a rock wall as fast as they can.

As always the USA come in as favorites for swimming and gymnastics and more but still look to shock the world on its biggest stage in other sports.

The olympics will start on July 26 with the opening ceremony and if you don't know what that is it is where all the athletes come together and like the torch which is the symbol of the olympics starting. The adverts will start on the 27 of July and will go to August 11th. But that is all there is to know about the Paris 2024 Olympic games.

Have a Great Summer IHM!

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Farewell to our 8th grade journalists! Good luck in high school and beyond!

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