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The total enrollment of Kapaun Mt. Carmel is 900, with 62 faculty and staff members. Five hundred copies of the newsmagazine are printed by Donlevy lithograph six times a year. Copies are distributed free of charge to students and staff; mailed subscriptions are \$18.

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Letters to the editor

Dear Paladin readers,

As always, we invite your ideas, input and letters. All letters should be under 150 words and signed. We reserve the right to edit or omit any letters. Baseless accusations, libelous statements, insults and unsigned letters will not be considered for publication. Take letters to Room G-1 or mail to the address on this page.

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New Voters Raise Concern

A staff editorial is the opinion of the Kapaun Mt. Carmel Paladin newsmagazine staff. The intent is to state an opinion related to a news story and make suggestion for change or compliment something.

This year has been hectic enough, and to add onto the stress, the presidential election is underway. According to The Medium data base, it is predicted that 159 million people could vote this year, whereas in 2016, 139 million people casted votes. With a new wave of registered voters, concerns have risen. Voting doesn't just consist of walking into a booth and choosing a name. To vote properly, time needs to be put into learning about the candidates and their ideas. With this year's newly registered voters, being uninformed before voting could be a problem. A CNN politics survey showed only 34% of voters knew the three branches of government. If a voter can't name the three foundations of our government, they are most likely uninformed about the candidates' viewpoints. As an American citizen, voting is a right but also a responsibility. Voting ensures that our country

is for the people and by the people, which is what a democracy is all about. It also lets citizens choose a leader based on their beliefs and morals; therefore, being educated helps know which candidate matches your beliefs. Being an informed voter doesn't mean becoming a politician, it means being aware of the candidates ideas and history.

Reading and watching the news helps when it comes to knowing the drama between the candidates but not so much their views unless you are obtaining your information from an unbiased news source. Presidential debates can be enlightening to watch. They share an insight on the candidate's deeper views on specific topics. However, this latest debate wasn't incredibly informative. The overall "feel" of the debate was fairly negative with only 17% of the listeners feeling informed, according to a CBS News poll. Additionally, social media contains terribly biased information except for a few reliable sources. Taking the time to find accurate and unbiased information is key to being prepared before voting. Some families have strong political viewpoints, exploring different outlooks helps the amount of education on topics increase. Someone who is uninformed should take the time to learn some information besides the candidates' names.

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