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blesses senior class officers
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(President).

A Message from President Barry Donnelly '71

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the latest edition of *Knightlines*.

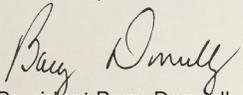
I was recently asked about my most memorable school moment for 2017. The answer would have to be Cardinal Tobin's visit in September, and his celebration of our Mass of the Holy Spirit. It was a wonderful day for everyone to meet a man so impressive in his faith and so personable in his manner, and at the same time, to enjoy an opportunity to showcase all of the wonderful things happening at St. Joe's. It was a very proud day.

The first four months of the academic year have gone by in a blur. Our expanded STEAM program now includes electives in Engineering and Robotics, and our revised master schedule has enabled several dozen students to add an extra elective class to their academic schedule.

Our fall athletic teams had excellent seasons, with soccer enjoying a particularly impressive year. Three members of our community were recognized at the Cathedral Basilica in November for their discipleship and service, and our Covenant House Sleep-out raised \$43,000 for homeless teens.

With the holidays behind us, we focus our attention now on bringing the spirit of Christmas, with all its joy, compassion, beauty and grace, to our daily lives and work. Best wishes for a wonderful new year full of God's richest blessings in 2018.

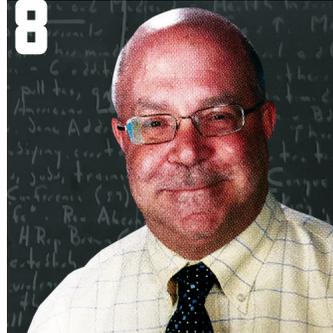
God Bless,


President Barry Donnelly '71





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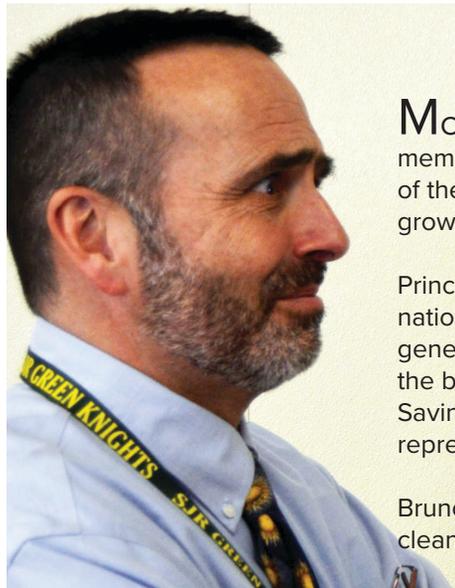
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GREEN & GOLD BUZZ



No Shave November

MORE THAN 30 SENIORS and several faculty members joined in No Shave November as members of the Class of 2018 were allowed to let their facial hair grow in support of St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Principal Michael Bruno '05 decided to bring the national campaign to SJR and, in the end, the promotion generated more than \$700 for the cause. Some of the best belonged to Nick Patti (below) and Andrew Savino (right) while Assistant Principal Dave Stoto (left) represented the faculty with distinction.

Bruno himself gave it his all until November 19 when he cleaned up in advance of his son's baptism. Duty calls!



Before: Nick Patti '18 and Andy Oddi

Business Manager Andy Oddi finished strong

The Last Jedi Captures Imagination

AFTER VISITING *The Record* and ESPN last year, members of *The Guardian* newspaper staff realized that the medium of the future is video and the tool to use it effectively was already in their hands.



Joel Peters and Luke Berninger '19

Armed with his cell phone, Luke Berninger '19 has been enhancing SJR's digital media presence with timely and informative interviews. His latest: a chat with two *Star Wars* fanatics, Theology Chair Joel Peters and Director of Campus Ministry Joe LoGiudice, about *The Last Jedi*, the franchise's latest installment. Is it a coincidence that two faculty members involved in faith formation have taken a liking to the movies? Find out by watching at sjrnj.org/starwars/.

On December 14, SJR students got into the Christmas spirit with Ugly Sweater Day! Green Knights wore the sweaters over their school uniform with faculty and staff members joining the fun!

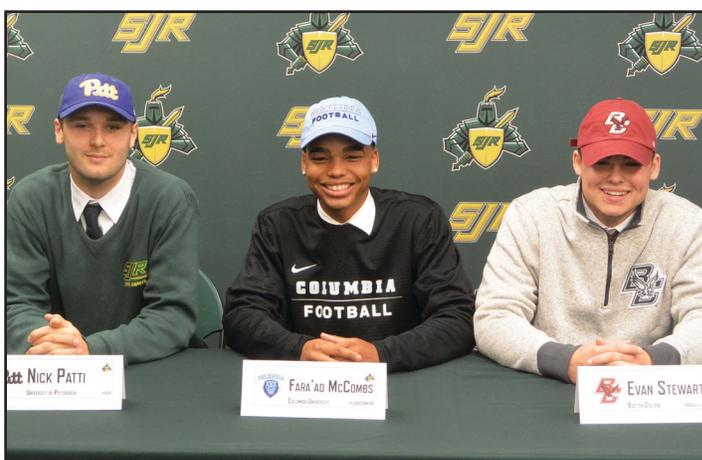


Six Green Knights Sign NLIs

SIX STUDENTS have committed to continue their academic and athletic pursuits in college.

Justyn-Henry Malloy, Raul Ortega and Johnathan Anderson each signed a National Letter of Intent as part of the Early Signing Period for baseball.

Malloy is headed to Vanderbilt University. The 2014 College World Series Champions are fresh off their 12th consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament.



Ortega plans to attend Howard College while Anderson will enroll at UMass Lowell.

On December 20, Fara'ad McCombs, Nick Patti and Evan Stewart made their commitments during Division I football's Early Signing Day.

McCombs will join the Ivy League when he attends Columbia University in the fall. Patti and Stewart are both headed to the ACC, signing with the University of Pittsburgh and Boston College, respectively.

Saint Joseph Regional High School
September 21

#TBT to a time when lab coats ruled - can anyone name this former department chair? Those 🙄

6618 people reached

Bert Coudriet The late great Mr. Piccate ... one of my favs
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Dan Gribbin Mr. Piccate was always COVERED in chalk dust!
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Class of 2021 Enjoys Annual Freshmen Community Weekend

ON SEPTEMBER 22, a caravan of SJR freshmen hopped on the buses and trekked north to the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus for the school's annual Community Weekend.

The weekend served as a "brotherhood builder" for the Class of 2021, giving students the opportunity to interact and grow with one another outside the classroom and away from the practice fields at SJR.

Once the group got settled, dinner was served by volunteers from the Class of 2020 before icebreakers were organized in the gymnasium. The evening closed with a prayer service.

On Friday morning, the group hiked down to the banks of the Hudson River where Mr. Vreeland delivered a powerful message of growth as one makes his way through high school. He described the parallels between the flow of the Hudson River and the give-and-take between a high school student and his friends, family and God.

The group then celebrated outdoor mass with Father John Job before lunch. Following an afternoon of team-building activities and open field time, dinner was served.

The night continued with a history lesson from President Barry Donnelly '71 and ghost stories around the campfire (s'mores included) with Assistant Principal Dave Stoto.

Stoto had the group scattering in terror as he told tales of the haunted residences on the site.

On Saturday morning, the Class of 2021 enjoyed one final meal together before packing up their belongings and taking the bus back to campus.



"Turn your group into an elephant!"



Class of 2021 members pose outside the Marist Brothers Center

Aliberto, Tyrie Recognized as National Merit Commended Students

MATT ALIBERTO '18 and John Tyrie '18 were recognized as Commended Students in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. Each placed in the top 3% nationally on the PSAT.

Aliberto has a lengthy list of prospective colleges in mind, including the University of Virginia while Tyrie (pg. 15) is headed to the University of Notre Dame.



Dr. Mykee Fowlin To Present to SJR Students During Year of Inclusion

AS PART OF SJR'S YEAR OF INCLUSION, Dr. Mykee Fowlin will be on campus on February 8 to present his *You Don't Know Me Until You Know Me* program.

In November, Dr. Fowlin led the discussion during a faculty retreat and was very well-received. His message of inclusion, not just tolerance, is brought forth through an on-stage performance and will be followed up with group discussions in the classroom.

Fowlin, who earned a doctorate in clinical psychology from Rutgers University in 2001, tailors his presentation to the audience and will perform a modified program for SJR students after speaking with faculty and staff.

Summer Construction Reaches Completion

THIS SUMMER SAW three construction projects undertaken on campus. One of them, the renovation of the restrooms in the main hallway, was completed before the school year.

The installation of a digital sign at the front of the building was completed in September. The sign has been used to broadcast messages to the SJR community throughout the fall and adds a bold look of branding on the heavily trafficked Chestnut Ridge Road.

The final project involved the conversion of a portion of the Brothers' Residence into an all-purpose space for student use.

The room itself was completed in late October and used for several events almost immediately.

The Performing Arts program hosted auditions in the space while students also gathered there prior to the Covenant House Sleep Out (pg. 16).

In addition, the open floor plan was ideal for a faculty retreat earlier in the year.

By late November, it was converted for winter use into our wrestling room with mats laid down for practice.

The additional square footage enables our grapplers to make greater use of practice time while the branding instills a sense of pride in the program.

"The new space is working out well for our team," said SJR Wrestling head coach Damion Logan '96. "The administration has been fantastic throughout the process of building it out."



The team from the Academy of Saint Paul (Ramsey) finished first

SJR Hosts Scholastic Olympics for Local Grammar Schools

SJR HOSTED ITS 19th Annual Scholastic Olympics in October with 19 Catholic grammar schools from Bergen and Rockland counties competing in the event. More than 300 students participated in the competition.

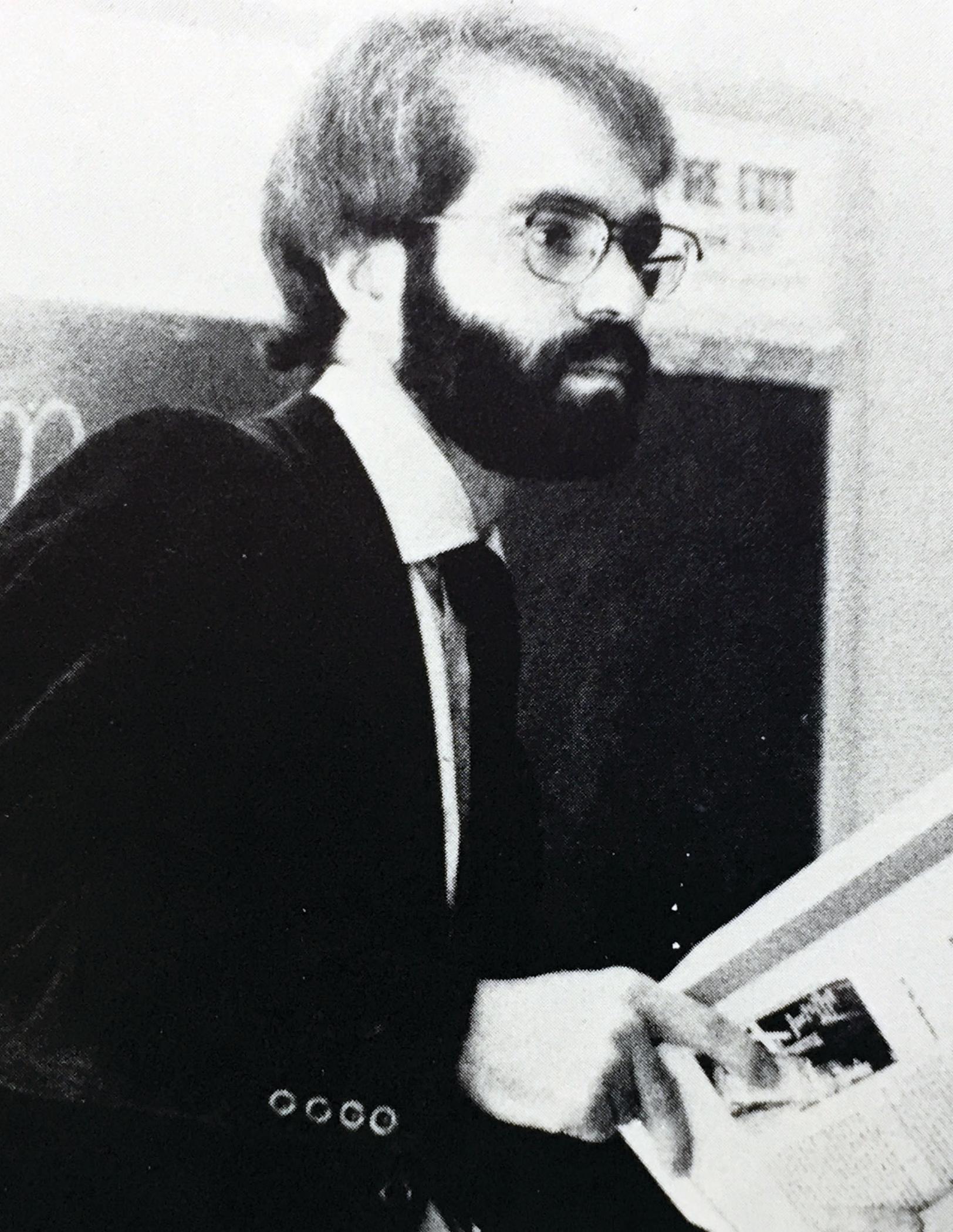
The Academy of Saint Paul (Ramsey) took top honors, while the Academy of Saint Therese (Cresskill) finished second and Saint Peter Academy (River Edge) took third.

Individual trophies were awarded to the top finishers in English, math, science, theology, social studies, art and spelling. Trophies were also presented in the computer competition and the Superquiz that combined questions about academics, the arts and current events.

Art Class Visits Michelangelo Exhibit

MEMBERS OF SJR'S Studio Art class visited *Up Close: Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel* to study a full-scale reproduction of the famous ceiling fresco at the Garden State Plaza this October.





Saying Goodbye to a Legend

Mr. Frank DeVito Remembered

By Barry Donnelly '71

FRANK DEVITO passed away peacefully at home on December 4.

The beloved teacher and coach began his SJR career in 1977, and over the next 37 years, taught a wide range of business and social studies classes and also chaired the social studies department. He coached cross country, moderated the Student Council, coordinated Open House programs and was a member of our National Honor Society selection committee.

Frank's attitude toward education was probably best summed up by the famous commercial, in which John Houseman theatrically proclaimed, "Smith Barney. They make money the old-fashioned way. They earn it."

Frank believed that all his students should approach their grades the old-fashioned way—by earning them. An "A" from Frank was an accomplishment and reflected the fulfillment of a high level of expectation on the part of teacher and an equally high level of achievement from the student. By the same token, he was also fair—you had to work hard to fail a class with Frank.

He always recognized an honest effort, and rewarded it.

Many alumni shared memories of Frank after his passing and several referenced his trademark class notes. Each morning, he transcribed the day's notes on the blackboard in his own very distinctive, very fine and decidedly minute handwriting.

Clearly, it was Frank's way of making

sure that his students listened to what he had to say, since they weren't able to copy notes from the board.

In May of 1999, Frank was named Outstanding Educator by the Archdiocese of Newark. On that occasion, he observed that his greatest satisfaction as a Catholic school educator was "the ability to share, as part of a community, a common interest in developing each member's uniqueness—academic, social and spiritual. Beyond that, I take both pride and pleasure in being part of the SJR family that has been created by our religious and lay faculty."

In 2015, in recognition of the thousands of students Frank impacted over the course of his 37 years of teaching, including both my own sons, he was inducted into the SJR Hall of Fame.

I should close with a Beach Boys lyric, but I confess that I don't know their catalog well enough to choose one. But Bruce Springsteen once composed a song to honor the passing of one of his lifelong friends, and I think Frank would have liked it. It ends like this:

*They say you can't take it with you,
but I think that they're wrong
Cause all I know is I woke up this morning
and something big was gone
Now your death is upon us
and we'll return your ashes to the earth
And I know you'll take comfort in knowing
you've been roundly blessed and cursed
But love is a power greater than death,
just like the songs and stories told
And when they build you brother,
they broke the mold.*

Rest in peace, good friend.

God bless you.

In Your Own Words

"Mr. DeVito was tough, and he demanded nothing but your best effort. He made you want to listen, to engage, to participate. He made you want to be a better man. I carry his lessons in the back of my mind to this day. Whenever I think I can't do something, I think about how he pushed me and made me believe in myself."

Andrew Van Buskirk '10

"Mr. DeVito treated me as a friend more than a student. His presence instantly commanded respect, but in a quiet, soft-spoken way. You could talk about anything with this man, but I remember talking music was always the most fun. Rest easy, Mr. D."

Peter Trawinski '08

"He was a great teacher and coach. Above all else, you knew—this guy really cares."

Rich Harrington '88

"I remember a spirited discussion over who was the stronger guitarist. I believed it was Eddie Van Halen and [he] contended it was Eric Clapton. He said my ignorance was forgivable because I was still just a stupid kid. Loved his sense of humor."

Sean Stevenson '95

"Incredible teacher, great track coach, and an overall outstanding human being. My favorite line from AP Psych—and I still live it till this day—'if you're doing something important, get a good night's sleep the night before the night before.' He will be missed."

Joseph Schroeder '98



"I remember junior year being the roughest year I'd had at Joe's—not a lot was going right. When the pressure was on, Mr. DeVito dropped some honesty on my parents at conferences. I heard from them later that he'd said, 'Jeff is someone who marches to the beat of his own drummer. I trust his work & he'll get there.' Thanks to this man for giving me that chance at a turning point, the odd extension, and the inspiration to pursue teaching social studies."

Jeff Garcia '10

"I am glad I got to see Frank when I was back in New Jersey. He was determined that we were going to meet during my visit, and we did. Coffee and a bagel and lots of conversation. When I was leaving, I kind of figured it would be the last time we would meet this side of eternity, and so I kind of blurted out: 'See you on the other side, Frank!' And so I will."

Fr. Charles Urnick '66



Community is the "Secret Sauce"

Cardinal Tobin Celebrates Mass of the Holy Spirit with SJR Students

"WITNESSING HIS EMINENCE celebrate mass at St. Joe's was a once in a lifetime opportunity. Being in the presence of someone so influential in the church is something I will always cherish," said Kieran Woods '19.

On September 28, Cardinal Joseph Tobin celebrated mass with the SJR community.

Cardinal Tobin shared with us his amazing power to convey an impactful message. He made sure students, teachers and parents were aware of how we treat our relationship with each other and how we treat our relationship with God.

"As a parent at SJR for the last eight years, I was happy to be a part of the mass with the Cardinal. I enjoyed seeing how he engaged the students and how they responded," said Teresa Marzulla, mother of Anthony '15 and Chris '18.

As part of the mass, Cardinal Tobin welcomed four new Eucharistic Ministers, as seniors Patrick Breen, Brendan Buck, Scott Dickson and John Tyrie were all installed.

"I was so pleased to receive a blessing from the Cardinal. I will remember that for the rest of my life," said Breen.

This was one of the biggest events in school history as it marked just the second time in SJR's 56-year history in which a Cardinal celebrated mass in Montvale. Theodore Cardinal McCarrick presided at mass in May of 2007.

"The Mass of the Holy Spirit is our first school liturgy of the year and always a special celebration for the entire SJR community," said Principal Michael Bruno '05.

"Cardinal Tobin's presence only made the morning that more special. He is arguably the most significant figure in

the American Catholic Church, and we are all privileged to have prayed with him."

"I was impressed by Cardinal Tobin's combination of spirituality, humanity and humor. He is a most welcome shepherd that the Newark Archdiocese has been praying for. Thank you Cardinal and may God continue to bless you," said Mr. Frank Coppola, who was among the faculty members blessed as a Eucharistic Minister by the Cardinal.

Cardinal Tobin, who enjoyed brunch with key members of the school community as well as a tour of the school from Knight Ambassadors, was impressed with SJR's great facilities. By meeting teachers and students, Cardinal Tobin seemed to gain an understanding of what SJR is all about.

At the end of mass, Cardinal Tobin inducted the 2017-2018 members of the Student Council, giving them his blessing before newly appointed Student Council President Tyler Conroy gave him a gift bag of SJR apparel.

Cardinal Tobin concluded the celebration by once again highlighting the sense of community that he couldn't help but notice at SJR.

He explained that this strong sense of community was the "secret sauce" that sustains Catholic schools.



Cardinal Tobin is greeted by Matt Frasco '81 at the morning's brunch

— Luke Berninger '19

A photograph of three men standing in front of the ornate, Gothic-style entrance of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. The man on the left is a young man in a dark suit and light blue tie. The man in the center is an older man with glasses and a mustache, wearing a dark suit and tie. The man on the right is a young man in a dark jacket over a blue patterned shirt. The background features intricate stone carvings and columns.

Trio Honored for Commitment to Service

Green Knights recognized at Youth Ministry Recognition Awards

Patrick Breen '18, Connor Tsikitas '18 and theology teacher Deacon Joe Sisco were honored at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark for their commitment to the community.

Breen and Tsikitas each received the Archdiocesan Youth Discipleship Award, which is presented annually to youth who respond to the call to discipleship through service or ministry to their parish or school community. Sisco earned the Archdiocesan Light of the World Award. The Light of the World Award is presented to adults who have demonstrated a commitment to young people and youth ministry in their parish or school.

Breen (above left) recently completed his Eagle Scout project, collecting used musical instruments to benefit those less fortunate. The project combined two of his passions: service and the performing arts. The senior has volunteered at the Mid-Hudson Summer Camp at Esopus and is a member of the Adopt-a-Grandparent Club. He is an altar server at St. John the Baptist Church in Hillside and was installed as a Eucharistic Minister by Cardinal Tobin in September. Breen is the President of the SJR Band and VP of the Chorus. He is also a Championship Irish Dancer and fiddle/mandolin player who has appeared on the Inserra Theater stage each year of his tenure at SJR. Breen is a member of the National Honor Society and Tri-M Honor Society.

Tsikitas (above right) has been a mainstay at every service opportunity available at SJR. He went on the mission trip with Young Neighbors in Action to Boston this summer before spending another week at the Mid-Hudson Summer Camp. As a member of UNICO, Tsikitas spent time at St. Peter's School in Belleville, delivering Halloween candy and reading to the children. Tsikitas is also a member of the wrestling and cross country teams as well as DECA and the Respect Life Club.

Sisco (above center) teaches a full slate of theology classes at SJR while coordinating a variety of collection drives in conjunction with UNICO. Deacon Joe is also the Chaplain for the Little Falls Fire Department and spends time at Straight and Narrow, an organization that supports those struggling with addiction in Paterson.

Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes

Assistant Principal Dave Stoto

Discusses Updates to SJR's Academic Schedule



David Stoto

The 2017-2018 school year has brought a variety of changes to the academic calendar at SJR. All of the changes were designed to maximize learning time.

Principal Michael Bruno '05 and Assistant Principal David Stoto spent much of last spring formulating ways to provide more academic opportunity for SJR students, particularly for upperclassmen.

Students start their day as they would in college, arriving on time to their first period class at 8:10 a.m. to begin the day.

"The removal of homeroom allowed us to also remove the drop period so classes meet every day during the academic cycle."

Many Green Knights alumni will remember that whichever class they had last period would fall off the schedule, reappearing two days later during first period.

That is no longer the case (see below) and teachers no longer lose one day of class time every cycle.

"Again, the concept was to allow more instructional time and help teachers keep their classes on the same schedule," stated Stoto.

"This allows teachers to cover more material in breadth and depth throughout the course of the school year," added Bruno.

"The major focus for all moves was to create more instructional time," said Stoto.

The first step was the elimination of homeroom. Thanks to advances in technology in the classrooms, teachers can handle attendance issues with the click of a button so the homeroom period served less of a purpose.

2017-2018 Schedule - Sean Lalley '18							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	AP Calculus	Psychology Honors	Engineering Honors	Theology	College English	AP European History	Anatomy & Physiology H
2	Psychology Honors	Engineering Honors	Theology	College English	AP European History	Anatomy & Physiology Honors	AP Calculus
3	Engineering Honors	Theology	College English	AP European History	Anatomy & Physiology Honors	AP Calculus	Psychology Honors
4	Theology	College English	AP European History	Anatomy & Physiology Honors	AP Calculus	Psychology Honors	Engineering Honors
5	College English	AP European History	Anatomy & Physiology Honors	AP Calculus	Psychology Honors	Engineering Honors	Theology
6	AP European History	Anatomy & Physiology Honors	AP Calculus	Psychology Honors	Engineering Honors	Theology	College English
7	Anatomy & Physiology Honors	AP Calculus	Psychology Honors	Engineering Honors	Theology	College English	AP European History



Additionally, upperclassmen may opt out of their physical education class in favor of an extra academic elective.

For many seniors with eyes on a particular college or major program, this has enabled them to pick up an additional course of their choice, either at SJR or through virtual programming.

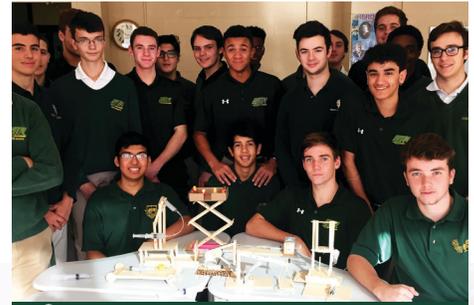
"I was able to explore a variety of opportunities by taking an extra class," said Mika Badyal '18. "I'm enrolled in Anatomy and Physiology, Engineering and an online course, Forensic Science."

The change has also led to more upperclassmen than ever registering for online courses.

"At the recommendation of [Guidance Counselor] Arlene DiFiore, we moved to a company called Educere for our virtual high school programming," explained Stoto.

"Educere enables us to offer a more diversified portfolio of classes for our students, many of which are Advanced Placement classes."

Finally, the scheduling changes made it possible to host three lunch periods, creating a much less crowded cafeteria. The result is a more relaxing environment with additional time to enjoy lunch and mingle with classmates.



 Our Engineering students discuss their Hydraulics projects on YouTube: [sjrnj.org/hydraulics/](https://www.youtube.com/sjrnj.org/hydraulics/).



Liam FitzSimons leads his Algebra I class

Beyond the Golden Dome

Catching Up with Mickey Gardella '09

High school students starting the college application process often have just a vague idea of where that journey might lead them. Mickey Gardella '09 experienced no such uncertainty.

“Both my parents and grandparents were big Notre Dame football fans,” Gardella says. “I first visited Notre Dame when I was seven years old, and wanted to attend there ever since.”

Eight years after graduating from SJR, Gardella is a graduate of both University of Notre Dame (BA in political science) and Notre Dame Law School, and in October, was notified that he had passed the New Jersey bar. He credits much of his success with the preparation he received at St. Joe’s.

“Academically, I did multiple research papers and presentations at SJR, which helped me in college because I was not doing them for the first time,” he said.

“More generally, football taught me a lot about the importance of practice and dealing with adversity.”

Gardella was heavily involved in extracurricular activities at SJR—notably as a member of the National Honor Society and the Latin National Honor Society.

Outside the classroom, he helped the Green Knights' football team to the 2008 state championship as a senior and participated in the weight-lifting program in the off-season.

Gardella also got involved in the Mock Trial Club as an upperclassman and was even voted Most Likely to be a Politician by his peers.

Through it all, his favorite memories of St. Joe’s revolve around people.

“I knew only one of my classmates before coming to SJR, so I made friends and had great teachers and coaches who had a big impact on my development,” Gardella said.

He began to think seriously about a career in law during his final undergraduate year at Notre Dame: “I made my final decision just after graduation, so I worked for a year, and then went back to law school.”



Mickey poses with mother Annette, sister Jamie and father James at graduation in front of the golden dome on Notre Dame's campus.



(l-r) Ryan Neumann '09, Frank Salvano, Mickey Gardella '09, David Wood '09, Matt Rogers '09, James Josephson '09, William Giles '09 and Tony Karcich in front of Touchdown Jesus.

Gardella's undergraduate experience at ND was similar, in many ways, to his time at SJR.

"My best ND memories are of my friends and professors there. Like St. Joe's, it has a relatively small enrollment, great traditions, a beautiful campus and an excellent alumni network. Going to football and basketball games was also a lot of fun."

Law school, however, proved to be a very different experience than his undergraduate days had been.

"Law school is challenging in a few ways. First, in almost every class, there is a lot of reading, which can wear on you as the semester goes on," he said.

"Second, your grade is almost always determined exclusively by the final exam, so you don't get any real evaluation of your work until the very end. Third, most professors in law school 'cold call,' which means they randomly ask particular students questions about assigned readings. It can be intimidating, especially early on when you're still getting to know your classmates."

Sounds daunting, but Gardella concluded: "I definitely think that playing for Coach Karcich made me feel prepared and confident with this type of situation."

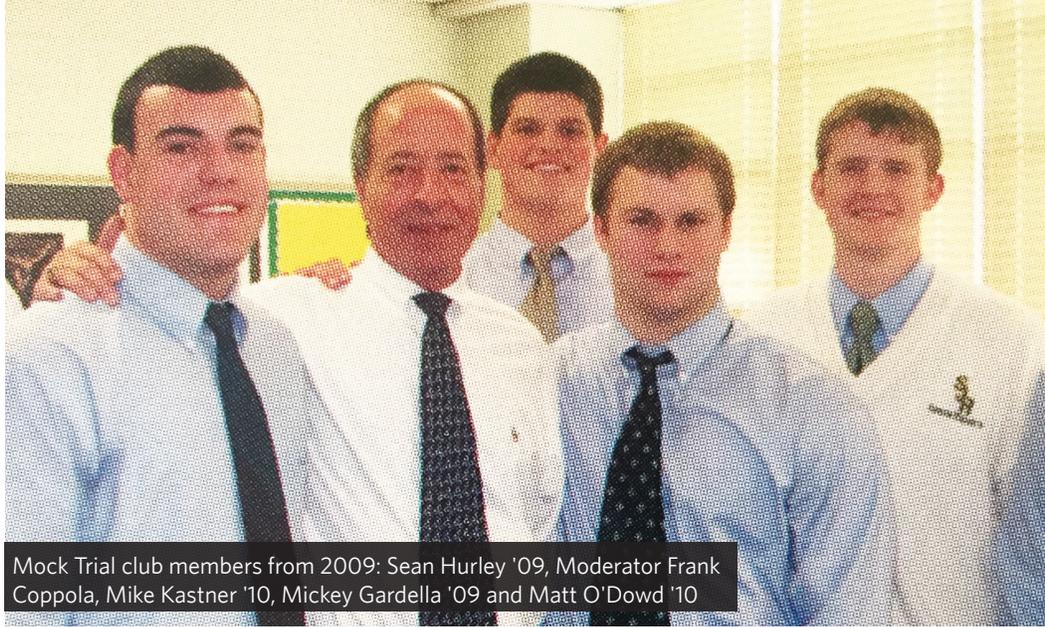
Mickey is currently working as a law clerk for a New Jersey trial court judge in Newark. His primary responsibility is to research and analyze the issues in cases pending before the Court.

Unlike the certainty he had in transitioning from SJR to Notre Dame, Mickey is still considering his options for the future.

"I don't know exactly which area of the law I want to practice yet," he reports. "Since I started law school, I have been eliminating areas that I do not want to practice in. If I work for a firm, I'll be flexible and go into those areas where the firm needs work done and will specialize from there."

Gardella has maintained close ties to SJR, especially since moving back to the Garden State.

He serves as a Class Rep for the Class of 2009 and enjoyed attending the football reunion dinner in November.



Mock Trial club members from 2009: Sean Hurley '09, Moderator Frank Coppola, Mike Kastner '10, Mickey Gardella '09 and Matt O'Dowd '10

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



PRESIDENT
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CENTER AT ESOPUS
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NATIONAL MERIT
SCHOLAR

TOP 1%
ACT

ATHLETE
SOCCER, TENNIS

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JOHN TYRIE
NEW CITY, NY

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Sleep Out Benefits Homeless Teens

More than 120 Green Knights Sleep Outside, Raising \$43,000 in Support of Covenant House New Jersey

Despite a day of heavy rain that soaked the school's courtyard, and despite temperatures that dipped into the 30s, 120 students and faculty members slept outside on November 7 to support the homeless teens served by Covenant House New Jersey.

It was the sixth consecutive year that the Saint Joseph community has participated in the Sleep Out, and the number of participants and amount of dollars raised continues to grow. This year's participants raised more than \$43,000 for Covenant House.

The Green Knight contingent included representatives from every one of the school's athletic teams, the Performing Arts program including band, chorus and crew as well as at least one student from every club on campus.



Frank Guanci '20, Sebastian Vargas '20 and Bill Tommas '20

"This year we saw a big boost in participation, thanks in large part to the 24 members of the SJR football program, including head coach Augie Hoffmann '99, who joined the efforts this year," said Director of the Performing Arts John Asselta, who has led the Sleep Out since its inception in 2012.

"We receive a tremendous amount of support from the school community and people outside of SJR that I think it's important for our boys to understand the meaning of giving back," said Hoffmann.

The evening began with shared stories from Covenant House residents and staff members. Former resident Ainsley, who has recently moved into his own apartment, delivered a powerful story of hope after finding support and direction from Covenant House.

For the Green Knights, Ainsley gave "homelessness" a very different look. "He was so intelligent and so driven," said Gage Poindexter '18, who was participating in his third Sleep Out. "It was hard to imagine someone like him being homeless; it shows that it could happen quickly to anyone."

The students split into small groups for reflection before convening for a late-night prayer. During the reflection, students were asked what they'd miss the most if they became homeless. More than anything, they expressed a fear of not believing that anyone cared about them.

"The Sleep Out made me more thankful for the roof over my head, the food on my plate, and everything my family provides for me," said Nicholas Gambassi '20. "The event made me more aware of the homelessness that occurs just minutes away in cities like Newark."

Following a prayer service during which the students shared how



Christian Sodora '20

they were impacted by hearing from Ainsley, everyone received a cardboard box and found a spot in the rain-soaked courtyard to sleep.

"The sleep-out gave me a chance to step into the shoes of someone less fortunate that I am," said Brayden Kelly '20. "It gave me a better understanding of what being homeless really means, and gave me a different perspective."

As temperatures fell and the wind began to blow, the Green Knights got a taste of the challenges that come with sleeping outside. And when morning dawned, it wasn't home to a warm bed. Rather, the students showered at school before heading to their first period class, just like their homeless peers are forced to do everyday.

"I am impressed by the students' empathy for the homeless and their desire to make a difference for those in need," said Joseph LoGiudice, Director of Campus Ministry. "In the morning, the students' expressions of discomfort spoke to their own personal journey in learning about homelessness in a meaningful way."



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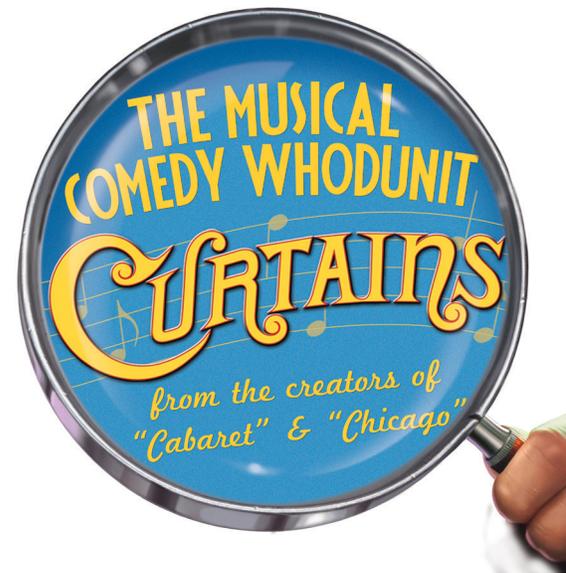
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Green Knights in the Community: ¹SJR students raised \$2,475 for victims of this summer's hurricanes through a Dress Down Day in September; ²SJR's UNICO Chapter collected more than 300 bags of candy for a variety of organizations in advance of Halloween; ³Students load some of the 1,600 pounds of turkey and 121 trays of ziti collected during November's food drive; ⁴James Gilhooley '19, a member of the Adopt-A-Grandparent Club, shares a moment with a resident at Sunrise Assisted Living after a game of BINGO; ⁵Alex Malfa '19 takes time to read to young students at St. Peter's in Belleville after delivering Halloween candy to the school.



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Opening the Curtain on *Curtains*



Unlike last year's *West Side Story* or 2015's *Miss Saigon*, SJR's 2018 musical is not an especially well known blockbuster, but it does hold a special place in SJR theater history.

Curtains ran for over a year on Broadway in 2007, and had its SJR debut in 2010, when our production won the "Most Outstanding High School Musical" award from the Metropolitan High School Theater Awards program.

"When I first saw *Curtains* on Broadway, I knew within fifteen minutes that this was a show we would love to bring to the SJR stage," said Director of the Performing Arts John Asselta. "It was clever, funny, had catchy music, and spread out the songs among a number of different roles. This year, we have a number of talented seniors in their final musical, and this gives each of them a chance to shine."

The show is basically a musical-comedy murder mystery: on the opening night of a new Broadway musical called *Robbin' Hood of the Old West*, the show's leading lady is murdered during her curtain call. The entire company comes under suspicion, and Lt. Frank Cioffi of the Boston Police Department is called in to solve the mystery. David Hyde Pierce, best known as Niles Crane on the TV series *Frasier*, played Cioffi in the Broadway production.

The SJR cast includes Vincent Simpson '18 and Luke Berninger '19 (Cioffi), Bill Fitzpatrick '18 and James Zitelli '18

(Aaron), Patrick Buckley '19 and Zack Mackiewicz

'20 (Bobby), Patrick Breen '18 and Sean Moran '18 (Oscar/Harv), Alex Birchwale '18 and Chris Marzulla '18 (Beiling), Tyler Conroy '18 and Marc Rivera '20 (Randy), Charlie Cangialosi '18 and Nate Troche '18 (Johnny) and Quinn Burns '21 (Darryl). The show's leading ladies include Allie DePinto (Ramapo HS '19) and Emily Hernandez (IHA '18).

"One of the most appealing things about the show is the fact that most people have never seen *Curtains*, and so people will have a fresh, genuine reaction to the show without any of the expectations that come with *West Side Story* or *Miss Saigon*," said Asselta. "I haven't met anyone who saw *Curtains* who didn't love it."

Associated with this year's production will be a mystery writing contest conducted with the grammar schools attending our preview performance and also with SJR students. Harlan Coben, a *New York Times* bestselling author, and Rupert Holmes, who wrote the story for the Broadway show (and won a Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Book of a Musical), will both be attending one of this year's shows and helping to judge the writing contest.

"If you love musicals or comedies or murder mysteries," said Asselta, "then we've got it all for you. Couple that with an exceptionally deep and talented cast, and *Curtains* is a

show that is certain to entertain every audience."

Curtains is set to be performed on January 26 (7:00 p.m.), January 27 (2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.), January 28 (3:00 p.m.), February 1 (7:00 p.m.), February 2 (7:00 p.m.) and February 3 (2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.).



The cast of *Curtains* at an early rehearsal



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Green Knights Take to the Stage: ¹Vincent Simpson '18 performs at the annual Christmas Concert; ²Bill Fitzpatrick '18, Chris Marzulla '18, Simpson, Owen Mitsinikos '19, Quinn Burns '21 and Luke Berninger '19 pose after a performance of IHA's *Into the Woods*; ³Alex Birchwale '18 (fourth from left) and Jack Piccarillo '20 (far right) take a bow in AHA's *And Then There Were None*; ⁴Chris Flug '20 and Louis Mednick '18 rock on at the Christmas Concert; ⁵Lisa Thomas, Elaine Barrett, John Marzulla and Mary Kay Buckley enjoy a cocktail at SJR Comedy Night. The event helped fund renovations of the Performing Arts rehearsal space; ⁶Scott Dickson '18, comedienne Robin Fox and Alex Birchwale '18.



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IN ACTION

THE SJR FOOTBALL TEAM finished the season with an 8-4 record, reaching the finals of the NJSIAA Non-Public Group 3 Championship before falling to DePaul Catholic by a 7-3 score.

The season began with a victory over Deerfield Beach (FL) and was highlighted by a dramatic come-from-behind win over Don Bosco on Columbus Day weekend.

The Green Knights trekked to Washington, D.C. in September, practicing at Georgetown University, thanks to an assist from Hoyas head coach Rob Sgarlata '90, before squaring off with nationally ranked St. John's College HS.

"I'm proud of the way they battled through adversity throughout the year," said head coach Augie Hoffmann '99.

The Green Knights finished the year #4 in New Jersey and earned a number of post-season accolades with 12 student-athletes earning All-County honors.

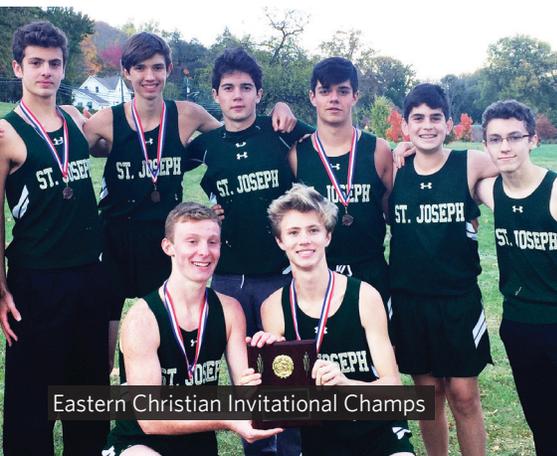
The team graduates 21 seniors including captains Kyle Clark, Nick Patti and Evan Stewart—all of whom plan to continue playing football while pursuing their college degree.

"This has been one of the greatest experiences of my life," said Clark. "I've made so many lasting memories with my fellow teammates and the coaching staff, and I have learned lessons that I will carry with me for the rest of my life."

CROSS COUNTRY SEASON concluded with the NJSIAA Group Championships in Holmdel after the Green Knights captured the Eastern Christian Invitational just a week prior.

Honorable Mention All-League performer Dalton Collins '18 led SJR throughout the season though the Green Knights had depth on its roster. In fact, the Bergen County Group Championships saw SJR put all five scoring runners under the 19-minute mark at Darlington Park.

The squad, led by head coach Nick DeVito '97, also took time during the season to support the Skyler Rain 5K for Child Cancer Awareness, organized by Skyler's father Frank '95 (right).



Eastern Christian Invitational Champs



Nick Patti '18

First Team All-County

Football: Matthew Alaimo, Yasir Berry, Howard Cross, Angelo Guglielmello, Nick Patti, Nick Russo, Evan Stewart

Second Team All-County

Football: Michael Alaimo, Jaden Budka, Matthew Gibney, Isaiah Hopkinson, Luke Wypler

Third Team All-County

Soccer: Raul Macedo

First Team All-League

Football: Matthew Alaimo, Jaden Budka, Howard Cross, Angelo Guglielmello, Isaiah Hopkinson, Nick Patti, Nick Russo, Evan Stewart, Luke Wypler; Soccer: Raul Macedo, JP Rioux

Second Team All-League

Football: Michael Alaimo, Yasir Berry, Matthew Gibney, Nick Leiva, Gavin Sharkey; Soccer: Rory Finn, Ryan Hilliard, Gianni Lisa, Dan Soter

Honorable Mention All-League

Cross Country: Dalton Collins; Football: Kyle Clark; Soccer: Conor Casey, Angelo Pelosi

THE SOCCER TEAM saw a revitalization under new head coach Christien Vlahinich '07. SJR reached the second round of the NJSIAA playoffs as well as the final of the Bergen Cup, compiling a 13-7 record.



Gianni Lisa '19

Gianni Lisa '19 scored 20 goals while Third Team All-County honoree Raul Macedo '19 patrolled midfield. Goalie Dan Soter '18 posted five clean sheets.

"We had a great group who worked hard and bonded well," said Soter. "I can honestly say they'll be my brothers for life."

The Green Knights spent much of the year in *The Record's* Top 25. The team's 57 goals and +24 differential were the best in a decade.

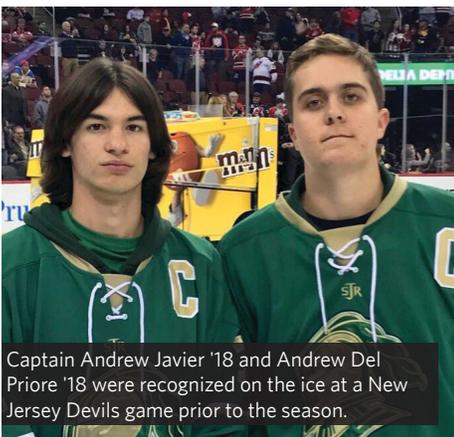
"It was a great season. 13-7 is something to be proud of," said Vlahinich. "Looking ahead, we lose some key seniors, but we have a lot of young talent."



SJR at the Skyler Rain 5K



Sammy Alvarez '19



Captain Andrew Javier '18 and Andrew Del Priore '18 were recognized on the ice at a New Jersey Devils game prior to the season.

THE GREEN KNIGHTS HOCKEY

team is off to a hot start, picking up wins in its first five games before entering the Ice Vault Pepsi Holiday Tournament.

The team's success has been buoyed by timely scoring from Justin Rauch '20 (2 GWG) and leading scorer Anthony DeMario '19 who has five goals as well as Michael Posma '19, who scored twice and added two helpers in the team's 6-3 win over MKA.

With new goaltender Jake Serey '20 between the pipes, head coach Larry Mahurter '87 hopes to build on the success of last year that saw the Green Knights repeat as league champions.

THE SJR BASKETBALL TEAM posted a 22-6 record last season en route to a #11 ranking in New Jersey at

year's end. Despite graduating three First Team All-League honorees, SJR was picked #6 in *The Record's* preseason poll.

Look for Second Team All-League forward Smith Vilbert '19 to lead this hard-working group as it strives to fill the void left by Chauncey Hawkins (St. Francis, Brooklyn), Isaac Hippolyte (Washington Academy, NC) and Joseph Radi (Montclair State).



Smith Vilbert '19

GREEN KNIGHTS BOWLING

is looking ahead to the 2017-18 campaign with a young roster keen on matching last year's success that saw Frank Salvano earn Coach of the Year honors.

Ross Footharap '20 is expected to carry the load and helped SJR to a season-opening win against Hackensack with a high game of 222.

SJR WINTER TRACK returns a talented set of sprinters led by Gage Poindexter '18 and Gianni Lisa '19, but it could be Guerson Toupuissant '18 and Isaiah Hopkinson '18 who have the biggest impact in sprints and jumps.

Luke Berninger '19 is one of the top returning pole vaulters in the league, and with the addition of Sean Moran '19, could make some noise at the County Relays. Dalton Collins '18 and Jimmy Fitzpatrick '18 lead a group of solid distance runners. Collins and Fitzpatrick were members of last year's 4x800 and 4x1600 team that finished 3rd at the County Relays.

SJR WRESTLING HEAD COACH

Damion Logan '96 has high hopes for the new season. The Green Knights, led by Sammy Alvarez '19, should have enough top-end talent and depth to compete in the Big North United.

Alvarez finished fourth in the Beast of the East Championships, taking out Bergen Catholic's Robert Howard despite moving up a weight class.

The team has doubled in size from last year and includes 10 freshmen who could see action in the varsity lineup.

"We're building a culture with our student and parents," said Logan. "The process has been successful to date."

Homecoming and Reunion Weekend



Alumni Games



Reunions



Knights On the Road: DC



Homecoming: ¹John Straight '67 flips the coin before SJR defeated Pope John by a 20-14 score, ²Members of the Class of 2012 pose during the game, ³Jason Gleicher '84 with the Green Knight, ⁴Brian Taxeras '97 and his wife, Megan, ⁵John Villa '87 and his wife, Michelle, present the gifts at Sunday's mass to Monsignor Joe Chapel '72.

Alumni Games: ⁶More than 25 alumni joined current lacrosse team members for a spirited game on November 24, ⁷Reggie Dormelas '15, ⁸A flurry of alumni surround the ball, ⁹Former soccer players met up for their annual game at the Superdome in Waldwick, ¹⁰Current head coach Christien Vlahinich '07 tries to dribble past Matt Doherty '11.

Reunions: ¹¹More than 35 members of the Class of '67 gathered during Homecoming weekend to celebrate their 50th Reunion, ¹²The Class of '97 poses during Reunion Weekend dinner, ¹³Members of the Class of '72 got together at Davey's Irish Pub in Montvale, ¹⁴The Class of '82 enjoyed its 35th Reunion at the Shannon Rose in Ramsey, ¹⁵Classmates from 1987 joined to celebrate their 30th reunion at Homecoming.

Knights On the Road: ¹⁶Members of the Class of '73 met up at the football game against St. John's College HS in Chevy Chase, MD, ¹⁷Bill Fogarty '74, Andy Carolan '81 and Greg McShane '83 at the alumni reception at the Heavy Seas Alehouse in Arlington, VA, ¹⁸Mothers of current and alumni football players pose before the game outside Washington D.C., ¹⁹Chris Joseph '00 and Bob Minitier '79.

Special Events: ²⁰John Carty '84 and his wife, Eileen, took home the grand prize of \$10,000 at \$100 Night, ²¹Members of the state championship wrestling program from the late-90s pose with former head coach Kerry Kolheffer at Celebrating Greatness on November 24. The event recognized the 1997-98 athletic season when SJR football, wrestling and baseball each won league, county and state titles, ²²Joe Loverchio and Bernie Hayes '98, ²³Championship-winning coaches Kerry Kolheffer, Tony Karcich and Frank Salvano.



CONNECTIONS

1968

KEVIN CLARK

published *The Wanting*, a book of poetry inspired by the violence of the Vietnam War, which won the 2016 "Spring is the Mischief" Contest. The work is available on Amazon.com. He has previously won the 2010 Pleiades Prize for his book *Self-Portrait with Expletives*.



the Hall thruster, an advanced space engine, that has broken records for operating current, power and thrust in an effort to propel humans to Mars.

1989

JOHN DONOVAN and his wife, Jennifer, are the owners of The Barklyle, a dog resort, day care and spa in Hillsdale. Learn more at TheBarklyle.com.

1990



MIKE BONNER is the Executive Producer of Live Events for Fighting Irish Sports Media at the University of Notre Dame.

1970

ANDREW COLLIER JR., a 2017 SJR Hall of Fame inductee, is an orthopaedic surgeon with Philadelphia Orthopaedic Associates. He is a past president of the Philadelphia Orthopaedic Society. He lives in Moorestown, NJ with his wife, Kathleen. The couple has three boys and two girls.

1973

KEVIN COUGHLIN and his wife, Therese, are being honored at the Assumption College for Sisters and the Sisters of Christian Charity 17th Annual Caring Basket Gala to be held at The Hanover Marriott in Whippany, NJ on March 22. Kevin and Terry are receiving The Family Life Award.

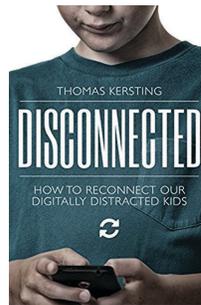
1979

MIKE YOTNAKPARIAN lives in Cranford, NJ and is celebrating a pair of anniversaries in 2018: his 30th wedding anniversary with his wife Joanne and his 35th work anniversary with 3M.

1982

ALEC GALLIMORE is a professor of aerospace engineering and the Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering at the University of Michigan. He served as Project Lead on the development of

TOM KERSTING is the author of *Disconnected: How to Reconnect Our Digitally Distracted Kids*, a new book about how our technology-based world is impacting the mental and emotional well-being of our children.



Kersting is a nationally recognized psychotherapist and television personality who was the cohost of two A&E Network television series, *Surviving Marriage* and *Monster In-Laws*. He is also a regular contributor to Fox News. He appears regularly on popular talk shows and news broadcasts, providing insight and advice about parenting, family, education and wellness. Tom has also hosted shows for the National Geographic Channel, Food Network and Oprah's Wellness Network. *Disconnected* is available in paperback and Kindle editions from Amazon.

1991

MICHAEL BECKERICH currently resides in Nyack with his three daughters. His daughter, Julia, has committed to attend Fairfield University in the fall.

1994

On August 2015, **KEVIN MAGEE** was married to Ann O'Brien. Ann was born and raised in the Bronx and is currently a social worker with Helen Hayes Hospital in Stony Point. On July 7, they welcomed their first child, James Patrick. The family resides in Yonkers and belongs to the Church of Saint Ann. Kevin and Ann's wedding as well as James' baptism were performed by Father Andrew Carrozza '81.

MICHAEL SHREKGAST is married to Kathy, whom he met while an undergraduate at Notre Dame. They have twin daughters (Mary Kate and Clair) and one son (Aiden). Michael has an MBA from the University of Chicago and works as a Security Analyst in NYC. The family lives in Chatham.

1999

JAMES CAHILL and his wife, Kelly, welcomed their son, Daniel, in August.

MIKE MARRELLO and his wife welcomed their first child, Isabella, in July.

CHRIS MURRAY will be running for River Vale Town Council in 2018.

CHRIS SANDT and his brother **ED '91** ran the New York City Marathon, raising money for Juvenile Diabetes research. Chris and his wife, Nicole, welcomed Grace Catherine in March.

2001

FRANK SALVANO JR. and his wife, Mario, welcomed a son, Nico, on December 13.

2002

MICHAEL ABSALOM and his wife, Aubrey, were married on September 9 at the Kawanhee Inn in Weld, ME.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

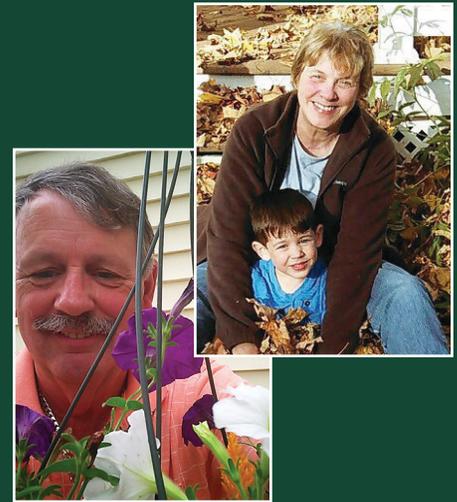
Peter Nagle '67

When Peter Nagle '67 received a note from his fellow classmates asking for a donation to fund scholarships and financial aid for today's Green Knights, he didn't hesitate. For the first time in 50 years, Peter wrote a check to Saint Joseph Regional High School. He actually wrote two, one from his personal savings and one from the educational foundation he set up when his wife of 45 years, Suzanne Geary Nagle, died in February of 2015. Prior to her death, Suzanne had been a fifth-grade science and math teacher.

For Peter, the decision to support St. Joe's was an easy one: "I have been really blessed through the years," he stated. "I am not wealthy or rich, but it is time for me to start giving back."

Peter believes it is important to "pay it forward" and support others. "I am a very firm believer in the strength of Christian education," he said. "My faith as reinforced by 18 years of Catholic education has provided many of my guideposts." He also remembers that the science department at the school was outstanding, which helped direct his interests in college.

Peter's gifts will support the school's newly launched 50th Anniversary Scholarship Fund. Each year, the school's 50th anniversary class will raise funds that can be utilized for financial aid and scholarships, SJR's most pressing need. The Class of '67 hopes to raise \$5,000 before June 30. To date, thanks to Peter and the donations of others, \$3,575 has been collected, with more pledged in subsequent years.



SCOTT DONNELLY and his wife, Maura, moved from Greenwich, CT to Mahwah in December.

MIKE JUST and his wife, Brittany, are expecting their third child in June. Mike has recently accepted a part-time scouting position for the Atlanta Braves.

MIKE VIGIL and his fiancée, Alexis, recently purchased a new home in Little Falls. In May, Mike completed his Master's Degree in Education with a Supervisory License from Caldwell University.

2003



SEAN SPICER and his wife, Sara, welcomed their first child, Damian, on October 17.

2004

JAMES BURNS is engaged to Caitlin O'Hern. A March 10 wedding is planned in New York City with Father John Job presiding.

2005

PAUL COSTA-BILE married singer-songwriter Christina Perri on December 12. The couple are expecting their first child.



New City, NY. Dill is a high-end takeout restaurant (with seating) that focuses on fresh and delicious Mediterranean cuisine. For information and updates, follow @dillmedgrill on Instagram!

2009

Visit pages 14-15 for a feature story on **MICKEY GARDELLA** who recently returned to NJ after graduating from Notre Dame Law School.

2010

MICHAEL MARCHMAN, recently passed the bar for New York and New Jersey and entered the U.S. Army Officer Training School in October.

MATT O'DOWD (left, in white) married Caroline Pushkarsh at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis on August 26. Matt is now a Lieutenant (JG) and U.S. Navy pilot, headquartered in Virginia Beach. Several Green Knights posed with the groom at the wedding including Mike Maresca '10, Pat Harrington '10, Patrick O'Dowd '12, Chris Rice '10, Connor Foudy '10 and Ryan Gatti '10.

2007

FRANK FICARRA graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in 2015. He recently opened his first restaurant, Dill Fresh Mediterranean Grill, in





CONNECTIONS

2010 (cont.)

BLAIR WYNN is pursuing his master's degree at Virginia State University after graduating from Pace University with a degree in Business Administration. Wynn took advantage of a remaining year of eligibility to put on the pads and helped the Trojans' football team to an undefeated regular season and a CIAA Championship in November.

2011



FIRST LIEUTENANT LUKE BIJELIC reported to Fort Richardson in Anchorage, AK where he served as a scout platoon leader before becoming the chief administrative officer for a cavalry unit of 120 paratroopers.

2013

BRIAN MAHONEY graduated in the spring from Rowan University after majoring in Radio/TV/Film and Marketing. He is currently working at Eduscape as a digital marketer.

2014

MARK FOSSATI completed his injury-shortened senior season with the Princeton University Tigers football team. He hopes to travel to the Dominican Republic in January for thesis research, enabling him to graduate in May. Mark, a sociology major, hopes to get a job in federal law enforcement.

NOLAN STENDOR earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Management from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

2016

AUSTIN BODRATO won the NCAA College World Series as a member of the Florida Gators baseball team. The Gators defeated LSU in June to capture the title. Along with a championship ring, Austin enjoyed a trip to the White House in November with his teammates.



CHRIS CHEESEMAN sang *The Impossible Dream* at Boston College's 25th annual Pops on the Heights Scholarship Gala. Chris, who performed with the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, received a standing ovation from the sold-out crowd of 8,000 people at Conte Forum. The evening featured a special appearance from Jennifer Hudson and a tribute to conductor John Williams, who was presented with the President's Medal for Excellence.

CHRIS JANNECK (right) helped Sacred Heart University capture the 2017 National Club Football Association title.

JOE MALFA landed an internship with NBC4 Washington for the Spring Semester in the sports department.



MATT KOZUCH '13 and **PAT KIVLEHAN '08** were honored at the 2017 Y Awards, presented by the Bergen County YMCA. Kozuch, a former student-athlete at Fordham, was recognized as the College Athlete of the Year while Kivlehan, a member of the Cincinnati Reds, earned the Pro Athlete of the Year award. **LOUIS ACCEUS '17** and **DEVIN ORTIZ '17** were unable to attend, but were named recipients of the J. Barry Stanford for Outstanding Achievement in High School Sports.

Faculty/Staff



Former assistant baseball coach **PAUL RAMASCO** (above, left) is residing at a senior living center in Montvale. Ramasco spent more than 30 years coaching the Green Knights after playing on the U.S. Air Force team.

Former coach **FRANK HORAN** will be inducted into the NJHS Hockey Hall of Fame on April 15. Visit NJHSHockey-HOF.com for more info. Horan, along with his wife, Barbara, led the Green Knights to three league and two state championships.



A Faithful Man, Remembered

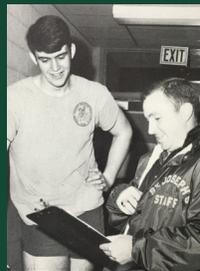
In the pantheon of star athletes who have competed as Green Knights, **STEVE ADAMS '70** was one of the brightest.

He was the 1969 state champion in the Shot Put. His throw of 63', 1" is still a Parochial A record, the oldest of any event in the state record book. He was a *Bergen Record* Athlete of the Week, and, along with Bob Brady '70 and John Long '70, he combined to throw 179', 1" in the Shot Put Relay that is still the Bergen County and NJ record! He was part of perhaps the best team in state history, named the "Team of the Century" in 2000.

Those are the accomplishments that made Steve Adams famous. They are not what made him great.

Steve passed away on August 27. He was 65 years old. At his funeral, Brady told the story of his friend's remarkable life.

After graduating from the University of Michigan and earning his master's degree at Seton Hall University, Steve began teaching and coaching at Ramsey HS, but shortly thereafter was diagnosed with hairy cell leukemia and told he had just months to live. Brady added: "That was over 30 years ago, by the grace of God and Steve's will, he lived on."



Brady continued: "Unable to work full time, Steve worked as a substitute and coach at Bergenfield HS for many years. As a testament to his dedication, Steve was elected 'Teacher of the Year,' an utterly amazing honor for a substitute teacher."

Father John Gabriel, pastor of St. Paul's Church in Ramsey where Steve was a long-time parishioner, was struck most by Steve's humility.

"I had no idea about all his accomplishments, all the records. I admit I've been a little surprised hearing of all these things.

"I won't remember him playing a sport or throwing a discus. I will remember him doing one thing—sitting. Sitting in that same pew, every morning, sitting in God's house, well before mass began, in the presence of God in prayer.

"The one word I've heard said most often about Steve was 'gentle.' He was a gentle giant. It wasn't just the size of his 6'7" physical presence, but the size of his soul."

It is a legacy forged, not by deeds, but by character.

In Memoriam

Alumni

JOHN D. HUZHEY '66

GEORGE L. CROSBY '67

LEO K. COLLINS '69

CHARLES A. CLERECUZIO '81

Faculty/Staff

MR. FRANK DEVITO

Social Studies Teacher, Department Chair, Coach, Father of Nick '97

MR. AL MCADAMS

Theology Teacher

Family Members

ALFRED AGRESTI

Grandfather of Dan DiStaulo '99

GARY BARNETT

Father of Hillary Barnett

VICTOR GARDELLA

Grandfather of Mickey Gardella '09

DOROTHY HANDLON

Great-Grandmother of Aiden Kelly '20

EDWARD O'DEA

Father of Ed O'Dea '71



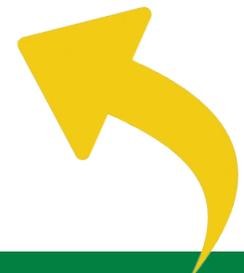
LIEUTENANT COLONEL MICHAEL MURPHY '80, who died in 2000 while test piloting a V-22 Osprey aircraft, was memorialized in the school's main hallway after the All Saints' Day mass.

Life-long friend Mike Morano '80 made the memorial a reality and spoke at the dedication along with Murphy's mother, Anne. Following the mass, Father John Job blessed a new plaque, which was placed in the corridor outside the gymnasium. The U.S. Marines sent a representative for the dedication.

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Upcoming Special Events

JAN 26-28 School Musical: *Curtains*
Join us for what promises to be another spectacular musical produced by our award-winning Performing Arts program. Tickets are available through sjr.booktix.com.

FEB 1-3 School Musical: *Curtains*
The second weekend of performances features four more shows, spanning Thursday-Saturday. Tickets are available through sjr.booktix.com.

FEB 2 Celebrating the Arts: *Curtains*
7 p.m. The performance of *Curtains* on Friday, February 2 will feature a post-performance reception with special guests Rupert O'Neill, author of *Curtains*, and *New York Times* best-selling mystery writer Harlan Coben. The reception includes beer, wine and light appetizers. Tickets include both the show and the reception and are available through sjr.booktix.com.

FEB 22 Knights On the Road: Florida
5:30 p.m. Green Knights alumni are invited to our regional reception at Venice Yacht Club in Venice, FL. Alumnae from IHA have also been invited to join the fun. For more information or to register today, visit sjrnj.org/florida/.

MAR 10 13th Annual Alumni Hockey Game
4 p.m. SJR welcomes all former hockey players to its annual game at Sport-O-Rama. For more information or to register online at sjrnj.org/alumnihockey/.

MAR 22 Fashion Show
6 p.m. Save the Date for Celebrating the Knight 2018 at Seasons in Washington Township. Visit sjrnj.org/fashionshow/ for more information on how to support the event. If you have questions, feel free to email fashion show chairperson Mary Jarmusch at fashionshow@sjrnj.org.

APR 11 Career Day
8:30 a.m. SJR alumni speak to our current junior and senior students about their jobs and careers. Interested in presenting? Email Scott Donnelly at donnellys@sjrnj.org.

MAY 16 Day of Giving
Our Fourth Annual Day of Giving will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. We were overwhelmed by your support in 2017, which helped us raise more than \$128,000 in 24 hours.



Venice Yacht Club