A Fond Farewell

It has been my joy to be a member of the SJB community for the last 22 years and Principal for the last six years. As I said to the seniors, “It is my time to graduate and it is my honor to do that as a member of the Class of 2017!” So at graduation, after they gave me an official St. John’s diploma at Mass, I donned the red graduation cap and gown and celebrated with them as the tassels were turned! We are all moving on together toward the next steps on our journeys. I will continue to be a loyal and enthusiastic cheerleader for SJB, wherever I go. I hope you know and believe that all will be well, and even better at SJB, because of you and this community that is continually committed to growth and education, prayer and service!

I thank you all for the welcome, support, and the privilege of being part of this very special community of families, students, alums, faculty and staff. It has been a home for me because of your care and hospitality and love of SJB. The new Principal, whoever that might be, will be so very fortunate to inherit that legacy too! You will be in my prayers forever, as I hope you keep me in yours.

With love, gratitude, and hope,
Nan Doherty
Principal

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2017 Gentlemen’s Dinner

Almost 200 men from the SJB community came together on Tuesday, June 20, to honor and pay tribute to the 2017 Men of Vision. The evening was hosted by the View Restaurant & Lessing’s Family in Oakdale, NY.

The men indulged in an evening of delectable courses and drinks, memories and reflections, honors and tributes, and awards and prizes including $10,000 cash! Congratulations to Jim King, the winner of the $10,000 Mega Raffle.

Funds raised from the evening support SJB and the mission to further faith and education. A big thank you to our 2017 planning team, sponsors, and all who contributed to make the night a great success!
Current SJB junior, Michael Ippolito, who, along with his troop family and friends, completed a planting garden around our flagpole on Montauk Highway as his Eagle Scout project! A new flag will be added soon. Thanks to him and all involved in supporting his project and helping it come to fruition, including Mr. Vacca.

For the past seven years, small teams of students and faculty members from SJB have made mission trips each summer to a faith-based group residence in Peru that provides care for babies, children and teenagers with physical or developmental disabilities and serious medical conditions.

On March 23, Dr. Anthony Lazzara, 74, founder of the residence, Hogar San Francisco de Asis (Home of St. Francis of Assisi), was the featured speaker at the high school’s Coffee House, a monthly gathering of students that includes a presentation by a guest speaker, dinner, fellowship and prayer. The event is sponsored by St. John’s campus ministry. More than fifty students attended the coffeehouse to welcome Dr. Tony Lazzara who was joined by Victor Torres Gutierrez, 17, a long-time resident of the Hogar. This summer, other groups of passionate SJB students and faculty will embark on mission trips to Peru.

This June, SJB kicked off the process of installing new turf on the main athletic fields. The project is scheduled to be complete by mid-summer… Go Cougars!

On Tuesday, May 16th, SJB held its second annual GENESIS Science Research Symposium. Seven St. John’s seniors presented the results of the research projects that they have been working on for the past 2 years. Mr. Ken Bohman, a science teacher at St. John the Baptist and Director of the GENESIS program, was thrilled to see the results of their hard work. He stated “I am constantly amazed at what our St. John the Baptist students can achieve when given resources and opportunity. It has been a pleasure working with such talented and motivated students.”
On Saturday, June 3, 2017 SJB held its 47th annual commencement ceremony. The day was a beautiful celebration for the 380 graduates who will embark onto the next chapter of life, but will forever carry out the tradition and success of SJB. This year more than $53 million was awarded in scholarships by over 52% of our graduates. Congratulations to all!

We are proud to announce that Sachin Devasahayam (left) of Commack is our Valedictorian and Dominick Rich (right) of Bay Shore is our Salutatorian for the Class of 2017. Both of these students have worked tremendously hard and put in long hours to mold themselves into outstanding scholars and exemplary members of the SJB community.

Sachin will attend Cornell University next year, where he will study Computer Science and Engineering, while Dominick will attend Johns Hopkins University where he plans to study Molecular Biology.

Bishop John Barres marked his first Ash Wednesday as Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre administering ashes at Ash Wednesday service during his visit to SJB on March 1, 2017.

Congratulations to the SJB Media News Network

...for winning at the 2017 Hendrick Hudson Film Festival located in Montrose, N.Y.
1ST Place for Best Documentary “Through Different Eyes- Virtual Reality” By: Senior Matt Martino, and Juniors, Nicholas Paladino and Joseph Cassidy.
2nd Place for Best Music Video “Ain’t it Fun” By: Seniors Noah Clarke, Caitlyn Allen, Nick Culleton, Chrisshana Wood
2nd Place for Best PSA “Respect for Life Mercy & Bullying” By: Senior Barbara Losseau
**BOYS BASKETBALL**
- **MVP:** Offensive – Kyle Locastro  Defensive – Matthew Lavin
- **Coaches Award:** Andy Louis
- **All League:** Keanu Brewster, Matt Lavin

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**
- **MVP:** Offensive – Cara McCormack  Defensive – Megan McBrien
- **Coaches Award:** Lauren Bonomi
- **All League:** Cara McCormack, Lauren Bonomi, Morgan Gress

**BOYS WINTER TRACK & FIELD**
- **MVP:** Track – Derrick Magwood  Field – Liam Berrin
- **Coaches Award:** Aidan Healy
- **All League:** Patrick Kain, Aidan Healy, Peter DeMaio, Derrick Magwood, Nick Ponzio, Declan Brown, Kyle McCormack, James Smith, Alec Portera, Kevin Wang, David Amelemah, Jack White, Liam Berrin
- **All State:** Aidan Healy, Kevin Wang
- **NSCHSAA Individual League Champion:**
  - Patrick Kain – 2 Mile
  - Derrick Magwood – 300 Meter
  - Kevin Wang – Triple Jump
  - Liam Berrin – Pole Vault
- **CHSAA Novice Champions**

**GIRLS WINTER TRACK & FIELD**
- **MVP:** Track – Brittney Stokes  Field – Nina Babington
- **Coaches Award:** Emily Fiorillo
- **All League:** Kerri McCormack, Zhanna Green, Hailey Marcello, Kerry Walser, Meredith Haberfield, Nina Babington
- **ALL State:** Brittney Stokes, Kerri Whalen, Marisa Pollock, Zhanna Green, Kristin Hess, Makayla Laird
- **NSCHSGAA Frosh/Soph Champions**
- **CHSAA 4x200 Meter Relay Champions**

**BOYS BOWLING**
- **MVP:** Josh Laskowski
- **Coaches Award:** Brian Doyle
- **All League:** Josh Laskowski, Brandon O’Donnell, Brian Doyle
- **All State:** Josh Laskowski, Brandon O’Donnell
- **Bob Hamilton – NSCHSAA Coach of the Year**

**GIRLS BOWLING**
- **MVP:** Katie LoPiccolo
- **Coaches Award:** Julie Sandkuhl
- **All League:** Katie LoPiccolo, Julie Sandkuhl
- **League High Game:** Katie LoPiccolo 226

**BOYS SWIMMING**
- **MVP:** Adam Sloane
- **Coaches Award:** Bradley deBoer
- **All League:** Adam Sloane
- **Adam Sloane recipient of the Vin Harkins MVP Award**

**CHEERLEADING**
- **MVP:** Raquel Palumbo
- **Coaches Award:** Christina Valenti
**WRESTLING**

**MVP:** Joseph Lanciotti  
**Coaches Award:** Francis Finn  

**All League:** Izac Garcia, Joe Vacca, Stephen Crisci, Liam Houlihan, Francis Finn, Joseph Lanciotti, Bryan Kuprian, Robert Gray, Gregory Link, Jake Orato, Alex Greco  

**All State:** Joseph Lanciotti, Francis Finn, Joseph Vacca, Bryan Kuprian, Alex Greco, Liam Houlihan, Stephen Crisci, Gregory Link  

**League Champion in 113 Weight Class:** Joseph Vacca  

**CHSAA State Champion and the CHSAA State Most Outstanding Wrestler Award:** Joseph Lanciotti

**EQUESTRIAN**

**MVP:** Caitlin May  
**Coaches Award:** Jennie Rostkowski

**ICE HOCKEY**

**MVP:** Offensive – Frank Anastasio  
**Defensive** – Eddie Martorella  
**Coaches Award:** Robert Vereline

**KICKLINE**

**MVP:** Stephanie Vizzini  
**Coaches Award:** Brianna Marinelli

**BOYS TENNIS**

**MVP:** Aaron Trinh  
**Coaches Award:** Nate Brooks  

**All League & League Individual Champion:** Alvaro Bezos

**BADMINTON**

**MVP:** Christina Molloy and Victoria Kender  
**Coaches Award:** Kimberly Heller  

**All League:** Kathleen Maguire, Victoria Kender, Christina Molloy, Kimberly Heller, Elizabeth Raczkowski, Kaitlyn Frenger, Julia Eterno, Jenna Ehinger, Len Krebs – **NSCHSGAA Coach of the Year**

**BASEBALL**

**MVP:** Offensive-Logan O’Hoppe  
**Defensive-Matthew Archer**  
**Coaches Award:** John Hanley  

**All League:** William Shaw, Matthew Archer, Logan O’Hoppe, John Hanley, Thomas Force  

Nicholas Egan recipient of the **Buddy Corr Jr. Memorial Scholarship Award**
BOYS LACROSSE
MVP: Offensive-Peter Scavone Defensive-Tommy Sullivan
Coaches Award: Sean Cavanaugh
All League: Peter Scavone, Stephen Becker, Tommy Sullivan, Sean Cavanaugh, Joe Aquino, Raphael Moses, Connor Buschle
NSCHSAA JV Lacrosse Sportsmanship Award
NSCHSAA Varsity Goalie of the Year: Thomas Sullivan
NSCHSAA Offensive Player of the Year: Stephen Becker

BOYS VOLLEYBALL
MVP: Offensive- Spencer Vid Defensive-Jack White
Coaches Award: Nicholas Ponzio
All League: Spencer Vid, Nicholas Ponzio, Jack White, Jack Bernardini

GIRLS LACROSSE “A”
MVP: Offensive-Kerri McCormack Defensive-Angelina Schott
Coaches Award: Grace Moriarty
All League: Mallory Dunphy, Caroline Atkins, Deidre Merritt
NSCHSGAA “A” League Champions
NSCHSAGAA “A” Sportsmanship Award
Kerri McCormack – Outstanding Player of the Year

GIRLS LACROSSE “AAA”
MVP: Offensive- Lindsey Hill Defensive- Emily Fiorillo
Coaches Award: Danielle Moruzzi
All League: Lindsey Hill, Paige Hommel, Kerry Walser
NSCHSAGAA “AAA” Sportsmanship Award
Janine Pirone – NSCHSGAA Co-Coach of the Year

GIRLS SPRING TRACK & FIELD
MVP: Track – Brittney Stokes Field – Zhanna Green
Coaches Award: Marisa Pollock
All League: Meredith Haberfield, Hailey Marcello, Zhanna Green, Brittney Stokes, Nina Babington, Kristin Hess, Julianna Vullo, Jill Schleier, Ann-Isabelle Eustache, Marisa Pollock
All State: Brittney Stokes, Zhanna Green, Ann-Isabelle, Eustache, Marisa Pollock, Kristin Hess, Therese Antilus
NSCHSGAA Field League MVP: Zhanna Green
NSCHSGAA 4x100 Meter Relay League Champions
BOYS SPRING TRACK & FIELD
MVP: Track – Derrick Magwood  Field – Shichen Wang
Coaches Award: Tim Olsen
All League: Colby Macina, Thomas Roulette, Derrick Magwood, Aidan Healy, Liam Brown, Christopher Tyszka, Liam Berrin, Shichen Wang
League Long Jump Champion & NSCHSAA Field League MVP: Shichen Wang
Peter DeMaio – Recipient of the Nassau County Police Running Club in Memory of Michael Califano ’84 Scholarship

SOFTWARE
MVP: Offensive-Alexa Sacripante  Defensive-Isabelle Rosado
Coaches Award: Celia Werner
All League: Christie Bott, Jess Selle, Dana Ragen

GIRLS GOLF
MVP: Catherine Endres
Coaches Award: Deanna Cunha
All League: Gloria Law, Catherine Endres, Marissa Piazza, Jessica Tucciarone
Ed Hickey – NSCHSAA Coach of the Year

BOYS GOLF
MVP: Gavin Wojtas
Coaches Award: Sean Espina

CREW
MVP: Jake Wells, Allison Seery
Coaches Award: Daniel Kiley, Brittany Pic
All State: Joseph Kaplan, Peter Micara, Tariq Taylor, John Kosak, Jacob Clock

SAILING
MVP: Wendy Quatrale, Noah Scarpa
Coaches Award: Brianna Califano

Cougar Club Scholarship Recipients: Emily Meyer and Peter DeMaio
Larry Jordan Sportsmanship Award Winners: Emily Fiorillo and Jack Natale
Sportswomen of the Year: Emily Fiorillo, Giuliana Vullo, Brittney Stokes, Marisa Pollock
Sportsmen of the Year: Nicholas Ponzio, John Hanley, Jack White, Peter DeMaio, Sean Cavanagh, Derrick Magwood (not pictured)
On Friday, May 12, 2017 many alumni and friends of the SJB community gathered at Rock Hill Country Club in Manorville, NY for the Annual Golf Classic & Clam Bake. The day consisted of a healthy round of golf followed by a lobster dinner and clam bake, good company, and prizes galore. It was a successful day supporting SJB in providing an outstanding moral and academic education. A sincere thank you to all who participated, especially Mike Racanelli & Christine Armanno.

The sailing team hosted their 1st annual alumni regatta on Saturday, May 20th. About eighteen alumni of the sailing team were there and twelve of them even sailed in the regatta. Not even grey skies could dampen the smiles and energy that beamed from the cougars of past & present!
Spotlight On

Kip Guja ‘02

After graduating SJB, Kip would go on to earn a Bachelor’s and a Master’s degree from Johns Hopkins University. He then attended Stony Brook University School of Medicine. In March 2017, Kip was among more than 100 Stony Brook students to participate in the national Match Day, when graduating medical students find out where they will complete their residencies. For Kip, Match Day was the culmination of nearly a decade of schooling, driven by his experience growing up with cerebral palsy and a desire to help others with musculoskeletal conditions.

This May, he graduated with a doctorate in biochemistry and structural biology, along with a medical degree and will spend a preliminary year at Stony Brook’s teaching hospital, followed by a full radiology residency at Stanford University!

Danielle Cirimello ‘10

After graduating, she studied Aviation Management at Dowling College as an Air Traffic Collegiate-Training Initiative student. Sophomore year, she was elected President of the Student Air Traffic Controllers Association and was hired as an aircraft dispatcher at Republic Airport. Shortly after, she was elected President of the Student Government Association, comprised of 40+ clubs and organizations!

She was then selected for a prestigious internship with the Federal Aviation Administration. After successfully completed all requirements to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in December, 2013 she was hired by the Federal Aviation Administration as a student trainee. Just a few short weeks she began her career with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey at Newark Liberty International Airport and is now a Senior Airport Engineer.

Lorena Tejada ‘87

Lorena graduated SJB and attended SUNY Stony Brook for a year clueless and without a cause. Later, in 1989 she enlisted in the US Air Force, completed her Bachelor’s degree and was selected for Officer Training School.

She served as a Human Relations Officer & Commander in Colorado, Florida, and Georgia. She then continued her service as a Regional Affairs Strategist and Mission Commander in Latin America and California. A few of her major operations and deployments consist of: 1st Gulf War, Desert Shield & Desert Storm, Operations Northern & Southern Watches in Saudi Arabia and Operations Iraqi Freedom & New Dawn, Iraq.

She retired at rank of Major in August, 2014 and is now an ESL Instructor at Florida Atlantic University. Her tireless commitment to serving and helping others is beyond admirable!
Class Notes


Congratulations to SJB grads Kevin Dolan ‘16, Noah Lorenzo ‘16, and Ryan Dalton ‘15 all members of the LIU Post Baseball team who won the East Coast Conference Championship.

Kaitlyn Montalbano ’14 a member of the Towson University Women’s Lacrosse team finished her junior year with an astonishing amount of accolades including, CAA Preseason Player of the Year, First Team All-CAA, and many more!

Victoria Martin ’15 was selected as the winner of the Best Screen Play at the 2017 Quinnipiac University Film Festival.

Brian McLaughlin ’13 was selected as SUNY Maritime Team MVP, 1st Team All Skyline Conference, and Skyline Player of the Year for baseball.

Morgan Cordes ‘14 has made the Dean’s list at Mt. St. Mary College. She credits Ms. Sanchez as a great factor in her achievement. In addition to her success in the classroom, she has also been selected for the Skyline All Conference Team for lacrosse and was chosen to participate on the American International Sports Team to play in Europe in June.

Tim Haggerty ‘14 began his summer internship with ESPN in Milwaukee. He is entering his senior year at Marquette University majoring in Broadcast Journalism.

Class of 2010

Aislinn Rowan, daughter of Mike Rowan ’82 was recently re-elected as Brown University Graduate Student Council President. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in Pathobiology-Infectious Disease Research.

Lisa Byrne made a stunning cabaret debut at Michael Feinstein’s Below 54. She performed to a packed house of friends, family and fans. They brought down the house with an amazing version of That’s Life. Great Job Liz!

Class of 2009

Katie Stettner ran in the 2017 Boston Marathon as a part of the Massachusetts General Hospital Pediatric Cancer and Emergency Response team. After witnessing the bombing back in 2013, she “wanted the chance to be a part of history but also give back to MGH, who had so many employees working that day to help save as many lives as possible.” Way to go Katie!

Ted Hollander ‘15 and the Limestone College Men’s Lacrosse team, won the 2017 NCAA National Championship.
Class Notes

Class of 2009 cont.

Kristine O’Brien completed a successful year of coaching and worldwide recruitment for University of Virginia’s Cavaliers Crew Team and will now resume her Olympic training with US Rowing Association for the 2020 Summer Olympics in Princeton, NJ. Fans of SJB Crew can follow her progress on the US Rowing website. She is anticipated to row with the 23+ Women’s World team this summer!

Class of 2000

Who remembers study skills class freshman year at SJB? Well, Justin Pascale does and hopes to implement this course into his own curriculum as he is now the principal of a 6-12th grade charter school in Philadelphia. Forever Cougars, best of luck Justin!

Class of 1975

Rob Koch was the recipient of the National Boy Scouts of America Silver Antelope award. This award notes his “exceptional character and distinguished service” of over 50 years!

Class of 1980

Nina Hann, released her debut novel titled “Relentless Alien Eyes” and has been submitted for several international book fairs!

Class of 1998

Amanda Burke works for the Nassau County District Attorney’s Office as Deputy Bureau Chief working with a 4-year-old yellow Labrador retriever, Mega, to help children and adults involved in cases including child abuse, domestic violence, and sex trafficking. Both Amanda and Mega were featured on Fox 5 news back in May.

Alumni Forever!

Welcome

SJB welcomes Joanne Jones, Director of Advancement and
Chelsea La Marca, Development Assistant.
Joanne brings over 20 years of experience in the non-profit world with her to SJB.
Previously, both women worked at the March of Dimes, but now are excited to be a part of the SJB community and fundraising in the educational field.

In Memoriam

Patricia Grasso ’75
Mark Christie ’79
Rob Legaz ’80
Anthony Pasqua ’00
Michael McCarthy ’07
Cory Licata ’16
Angelo (AJ) Muro ’17
Anthony Grimaldi former staff
Kay McAdam former staff
Fred Powers former staff

We formally apologize to the Powers family for the misinformation in the last newsletter.
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