



Principal's Newsletter

June 30, 2017

"If you hit a wrong note, then make it right by what you play afterwards."

Joe Pass, Musician

We celebrated the 159th graduating class from SFP on Saturday, June 3rd, at Carnesecca Arena on the campus of St. John's University. A great day for Catholic Education: 633 young men and women graduating from one of the finest high schools in New York City! Earning over \$158 million in scholarships, our graduates are in position to excel at the next level of education and continue to spread the spirit of St. Francis. I commend their teachers, parents, and guardians for their outstanding mentoring, patience, and guidance over the past four years. As I stated to the graduates at the ceremony, "It is now time for you to commence, time to move on, time to take on new challenges, time to meet new people, and time to lead by setting your goals higher. And remember, real leadership starts with the capacity to discipline your disappointment. With any journey worth taking, you are going to encounter obstacles, and odds are, you are going to face some failure. You will find a way to break through those challenges to be successful. We will never be together like this again; let us cherish the moment and appreciate the relationships forged over the past four years. I encourage each one of you to chase something you love and do it with respect, responsibility, pride, and focus. I recommend not to follow your passion but bring it with you as you move through college and into your career. Today is the day of ceremony and celebration; tomorrow is the day to dream, to explore, and to discover a new journey...."

High School is 4 years; St. Francis Prep is Forever!

Mr. McLaughlin



REGENTS EXAMS

Students must pass five (5) required Regents exams in order to graduate: English, Global History, U.S. History, 1 Math, and 1 Science. Students who failed one of the required Regents exams must sign up to re-take the exam in August. Students who failed one of the other Regents exams and wish to re-take it may also do so in August. Summer Regents exams are offered on 16 and 17 August.

Students may sign up for on August Regents exam on Thursday and Friday, 29 and 30 June, and Wednesday and Thursday, 5 and 6 July, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The cost is \$35 per exam.



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English Department

This month, *The Little Portion* Annual Reading and Open Mic not only celebrated the release of its latest issue of Prep's literary arts journal; it also commemorated its 60th anniversary! *The Little Portion* began at our Brooklyn campus in 1957 and is named in honor of St. Francis' favorite place on earth—the tiny church outside the walls of Assisi he chose to call home (*La Porziuncola* in Italian). Students, family, friends, and faculty gathered after school on Tuesday, May 16th, to listen to dozens of moving poems that were published in this year's issue.

The journal's moderator for the past 17 years, Mr. Hafker, opened the event by presenting the Cantic of the Sun Prize to senior, Jay Sharma, for his contribution of brilliant poems. He then thanked the Prep administration for its continued support and the English and Art Departments for daily inspiring their students to produce the best writing and art. Last, but not least, he thanked Editor-in-Chief Samantha Ruotolo and *The Little Portion* editorial staff for their hard work and dedication and, of course, every student writer who was brave and passionate enough to put their hearts on paper and share it.

If you are interested in getting a free copy, please go to the main desk in the library.

Art Department

Saint Francis Prep Art Students participated in the 2017 Saint John's University Summer Art exhibition! The exhibition will take place at the Dr. M.T. Goffrey Yeh Gallery at Saint John's University. The opening reception will take place on July 8th, from 2-5 pm. Twenty art students from our art department will have work on display.



Margaret Panoti has her work featured on the exhibition invitation. We are excited and cannot wait to attend the event!!



Alumni and former Alvernia and SFP Dance Captain Kristen Cournane is participating in the Rockettes Summer Intensive.

SFP at Citi Field

On Tuesday, May 30, over 750 Terriers, past and present, attended the Mets-Brewers game. The Prep Chorus sang the National Anthem and did a spectacular job with Mr. McLaughlin throwing a strike for the ceremonial first pitch to Mr. McLaughlin Jr.





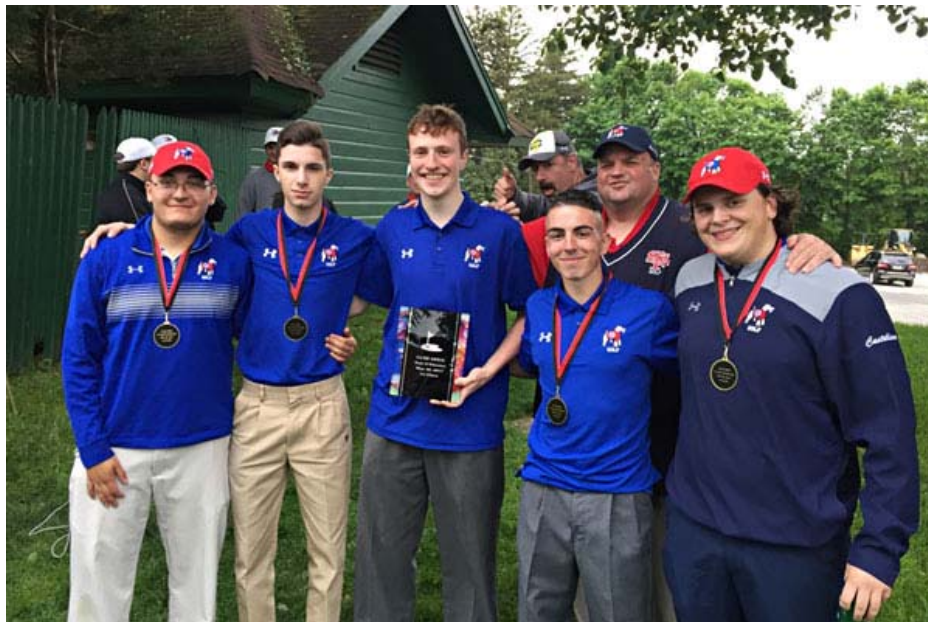
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Big thank you to Mr. Mendolia who coordinated and planned the event with the organizational help of administrative assistant Ms. Graziella Zerilli. A great night of Prep Pride!

Golf Team

The golf team won its 2nd straight Brooklyn-Queens Division 1 title, going undefeated in the league for a 2nd straight year. Unfortunately, we lost in the city quarterfinals to Archbishop Stepinac. After the disappointing loss, the team won the LI Lutheran Open (pictured below). They ended the year 14-1.



From left to right: Mikey Cosentino, Matt Recuperero, Max Tockarshewsky, Josh Guriel, and Anthony Castellano.



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Terrier Cup

On May 31, 2017, we held the Annual Terrier cup where our Sophomore Class comes together for a Field Hockey and Lacrosse tournament. There were over 30 teams representing the sophomore class. It was a fun after-school event filled with matching uniforms and good ol' fashion SFP spirit.

Terrier Cup Champions



B 3&6: "THE HEAT" Girls Field Hockey
Cristina Kelly (Captain), Maria Orfanidis (MVP), Giulia Palazzolo, Izabella Zimic, Zoe Mitchel, Destiny Kennedy, Kesia Santos, Valentina Giambalvo, Daniella DeViccaro.



B 3&6 Boys Lacrosse
"Chocolate Vanilla Swirl"
Kieran Kelly (Captain), Jevaughn Harvey (MVP), William McNamara, Jevaughn Harvey, Evan Sirakis, Christopher Nenbauer, Yemi Olawajye, Lenny Liveri, Eli Douglas, Tenzin Dorjee, Jaylan Holder, Denny Mayaneen.

Girl's Track

The girls' track team placed second in the Brooklyn-Queens Championship and 4th in the City Championship. They were led by City and Brooklyn-Queens Champions Trinity Smith, 100 and 400 hurdles; Eden Thomaslutchmedial, High jump; and Brooklyn-Queens Champion Alyssa Olivieri Steeple Chase.

At the Catholic State Champs, Trinity Smith won the 100 Hurdles.

Softball

On June 22th, Senior softball player Samantha Bedosky (centerfield) represented St. Francis Prep in the NYC Mayor's Cup at Columbia University (top seniors from public compete against top seniors from Catholic schools).



On Monday, June 19, the Girls' Softball Program had their 2017 awards dinner at the Immaculate Conception Center. Pictured is the Varsity team.



Awards presented:

Most Valuable Player- Junior Jazmin Andrews; Most Improved Player - Junior Jessica Li; Coaches Award - Junior Sarah Williams; Most Versatile Player- Junior Elizabeth Rocco; True Grit Award - Senior Samantha Bedosky; Defensive Player, Infield - Junior Madison Reichert; Defensive Player, Outfield - Senior Kristen Knoblauch; High Batting Average - Junior Jazmin Andrews; Scholar Athletes - Freshman Kristina Verruso; Rookie of the Year - Freshman Kristina Verruso; Joseph Digilio Sportsmanship Award- Junior Jessica Caliendo.

CONGRATULATIONS!



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Josh Angevine - Running Back
School: Carleton College
Located: Northfield, Minnesota



Nikki Pravata
Queens College - Lacrosse

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Justin Hollis: Football, Nassau Community College.