

Principal's Newsletter

June 30, 2016

"It is good to have an end to journey toward, but it is the journey that matters in the end."

Ursula K. Le Guin

The SFP Graduation took place on Saturday, June 4, at Carnesecca Arena on the campus of St. John's University. A great day for Catholic Education: 608 young men and women graduating from one of the finest high schools in New York City! Earning over \$150 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.

To our Seniors, now Alumni: Dream Big! Work Hard! Be Passionate! Pray Always! And remember, High School is four years; St. Francis Prep is Forever! Good Luck, God Bless, and Thank You!
Mr. McLaughlin

From the Desk of Mr. Woods, Director of Technology: Important Reminders

Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, we are changing the format of the Prep-issued email accounts. Currently, those email accounts are formatted "firstname.lastname@stfrancisprep.org" for student accounts and "g-firstname.lastname@stfrancisprep.org" for guardian accounts. The new format for the student account will be "studentnumber@stfrancisprep.org" and "g-studentnumber@stfrancisprep.org" for the guardian account. This change is being made to eliminate account creation issues that have occurred with multiple students having the same first and last names.

The changes will occur on or around August 1, 2016, and will involve all accounts (students and guardians).

In addition, all Graduated Student accounts will be deleted on or around August 1 as well. More information on both of these changes can be found at the Prep website. On the right side of the Homepage, under "**SFP Tech Help**," look for Student-Guardian Email Accounts for further information.

National Honor Society

Interested in National Honor Society Membership?

Summer is a good time for students interested in applying for the NHS to complete service hours. In the Fall, students in eleventh and twelfth grades who have achieved a 90.0% cumulative grade point average are invited by letter to apply for membership. However, some students are not admitted because they lack service hours. Besides enrollment or completion of 3 Honors or Advanced Placement classes, successful candidates must have served a combination of 35 hours of school service and service to the outside community. Please note that 25 of these hours need to be served at one location: for example, 25 hours at parish as an altar server; 10 hours of SFP service.

For more info go [HERE](#)

Service

Four of our SFP Boy Scouts assisted at the Flag Raising Ceremony at Queen of Peace Nursing Home on Memorial Day. They presented the flag to residents who were Veterans of the Armed Forces. Receiving the flag was Lillian, 95, who served as a medic in the US Army.



English Department

Please check the English Department website for the **2016 Summer Reading Program [HERE](#)** where you will find the list of required and suggested books. See you in September!

On Tuesday, May 17, at 3:00 p.m. in the Prep library, *The Little Portion* held its 16th Annual Poetry Reading and Open Mic. Mr. Hafker, the moderator, presented its literary award, The Cantic of the Sun Prize, to senior Rosemary Wolf, and presented achievement plaques to the two Editors-in-Chief, senior Maggie Cappozoli-Cavota and senior Luciano Michelli. It was a wonderful afternoon of very moving poetry from many talented students!

See some images [HERE](#) on Facebook

College Office

250 juniors will attend the summer symposium!

Faculty

Congratulations to Mr. Frank Albanese from our Math Department who was nominated by Angelica Ezratty '13 and won the most Inspirational Teacher Award sponsored by Queens College. Mary Pappas, school Nurse, has been invited by the National Association of School Nurses to speak at their annual conference in Indianapolis on June 30.

Music

Students teaching teachers in the beginner strings class: a technique that requires the students to articulate the techniques they have been taught throughout the year.

Check out our [Instagram page **HERE**](#)with images from the trip to Italy.

Campus Ministry

Brooklyn-Queens Catholic School Youth Rally

Two hundred students from grades 9-11 participated in the Brooklyn-Queens Catholic School Youth Rally sponsored by the Diocesan School of Evangelization. Participants had the opportunity to celebrate Mass with Bishop DiMarzio, listen to Catholic speakers and musicians, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and experience a special Holy Hour.

SFP Service Academy

Session I: June 27-July 1

Session II: July 11-15

Summer is a great time for high school students to perform community service! Spots are still available in our service academy. Participants come to school each day and go out to different sites to assist our neighbors in need. Students make new friends, do some good, and receive credit for 35 hours of service at the completion of the program. Program cost: \$300.00. Download an application from the school website or register and pay on-line.

Sports

The Golf Team won the Brooklyn-Queens regular season title with a 12-0 league record, including sweeps of Molloy and Holy Cross. In doing so they ended Molloy's 15-year streak winning the division. The team suffered a heartbreaking loss in the City Quarterfinals to Xavier, but that doesn't take away from the team's best season in years.



Softball

SFP Seniors Miranda Cintron (Springfield College) and Alyssa Siess (Dominican College) along with SFP Varsity softball coach Mrs. Ann Marie Rich at the Mayor's Cup (PSAL vs. GCHSAA) on June 10, 2016.



Boys Basketball

Congratulation to the Boys' Basketball Program on winning the Fordham University Team Camp. This is the third straight year the Terriers have won a team camp and are now back-to-back champions at Fordham.

Fr. Bill with a hole in one!



Handball Team

On June 21, 2016, St. Francis Prep's Varsity and J.V. Handball teams held their Awards Dinner at which the Varsity team celebrated their 14th Consecutive Undefeated CHSAA City Championship (2003-2016) and the J.V. celebrated their 13th Consecutive CHSAA City Championship (2004-2016), the last 12 of them (2005-2016) going undefeated. Varsity and J.V. broke the school's record and the CHSAA record they themselves set last year for most handball City Championships by winning the 14th Varsity Handball City Championship and the 13th J.V. Handball City Championship.



In addition, new school and CHSAA records for most consecutive handball matches won were established: Varsity has now won 216 consecutive handball matches and J.V. has now won 174 consecutive handball matches.

Terrier Cup Winners



Art

GREAT NEWS!!! Fifteen of our students will have art exhibited in the summer National Arts Honor Society Exhibition in Virginia.

Local High School Student Artwork Exhibited Nationally

Alexandria, VA – June 2, 2016 – Artwork from students who are members of the National Art Honor Society (NAHS) and National Junior Art Honor Society (NJAHS) is scheduled for exhibition June 6 - August 31 at the headquarters of the National Art Education Association (NAEA), located in Old Town Alexandria, VA.

This exhibit will be seen by visual arts education professionals, creative leaders, and students from across the country who will be gathering at NAEA headquarters for a number of meetings and events this summer. The artwork exhibited has been selected by art educators who are members of NAEA and sponsor NAHS-NJAHS chapters at their schools.

In 1978, the National Art Education Association began the National Art Honor Society program to inspire and recognize students who demonstrate outstanding achievement and interest in the visual arts. Currently, there are 50,000+ NAHS-NJAHS members worldwide. NAHS-NJAHS supports members and their students in attaining the highest standards in art scholarship, character, and service and bringing public awareness to the essential value of art education in the 21st century.

"We live in a visual age, and a foundation in art education has never been more critically important for students pursuing careers in any field."

—Deborah B. Reeve, Executive Director of NAEA

Schools with student work represented in the exhibit include:

Boswell High School, Ft. Worth, TX; Amy Jenkins, Art Teacher
Brentsville District High School, Nokesville, VA; Cheryl Miehle, Art Teacher
Harmony Science Academy, Sugar Land, TX; James Perry, Art Teacher
Harry S Truman High School, Levittown, PA; Diane Wilkin, Art Teacher
Lafayette High School, Williamsburg, VA; Liz Bahl-Moore, Art Teacher
Missisquoi Valley Union High School, Swanton, VT; Lindsay DiDio Hartel, Art Teacher
Mount Vernon High School, Alexandria, VA; Sally Gilliam, Art Teacher
Newark High School, Newark, DE; Diana Rossi, Art Teacher
Pendleton High School, Anderson, SC; Lacie Lagroon, Art Teacher
Provo High School, Provo, UT; James Rees, Art Teacher
Redan Middle School, Lithonia, GA; Lydia Atubeh, Art Teacher
Seneca High School, Tabernacle, NJ; Robert Dooley, Art Teacher
St. Francis Preparatory School, Fresh Meadows, NY; Jeanne Buccino, Art Teacher
Towson High School, Towson, MD; Rachel Valsing, Art Teacher
W. T. Woodson High School, Fairfax, VA; Jayne Matricardi- Burke, Art

AnnaMaria Leal - SFP Volunteer for the Ecuador 5K Race

On behalf of the 5K Leadership Team, we would like to say thank you for your help in supporting Maureen Tua '07 and me (Rocio Tua '04) in our 5K efforts to fundraise for the reconstruction efforts in Ecuador given the earthquake in April.

SFP was able to obtain a volunteer for us, rising senior AnnaMaria Leal, for our event. We would like to commend her on all her efforts on Saturday, June 11. She demonstrated excellent team effort and abilities throughout the event and leadership qualities as we organized the Team. She showed extraordinary poise as we were trouble-shooting our setup arrangements pre-race. It is with great pride that we had AnnaMaria participate. Her solidarity and commitment to civic engagement is recognized by her fellow SFP alumni.

Best wishes for her last year at Prep and to a successful college chapter. Special thanks to Robert Angeletti for making the Alumni continue to feel part of the Prep family with his consistent support and engagement.

Thank you,
Rocio Tua