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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Fr. Geoff Rose, O.S.F.S.

Dear Friends of St. Francis de Sales,

Another school year is completed and St. Francis continues to provide the Knights with life-changing opportunities and experiences that begin in the classroom, but go beyond that, too. The Spring/Summer issue of Knight Life will definitely paint this picture for you, but allow me to highlight one area in particular that I think speaks powerfully to the ways in which St. Francis is leading the way and being a resource to the larger community. The Center for Advanced Scientific Exploration (CASE) is much more than a mere renovation of our science wing in the building; it is a complete recreation of how we deliver education in the field of science. Moving to a project-based learning model puts SFS at the forefront of innovation, and the integration of the laboratories into the classroom allows our teachers to pivot quickly from instruction to experience as need dictates. In all areas of education, one of the challenges is removing levels of abstraction (often communicated by students with the complaint, "When are we ever going to use this?!?"). Many students struggle with finding the meaning behind data and measurements. The addition of a Human Performance Laboratory to the CASE project will be a very powerful tool to remove levels of abstraction, by creating concrete experiences where students are able to connect information with how their own body works, and could perform more efficiently/effectively. Instruction without experience is easily lost. The Human Performance Laboratory will provide hands-on experiences, which will allow the instruction to come alive.

Summer always seems to be busy, but with the first phase of CASE beginning its transformation we will have a number of things in place by the time our Knights return in August. Such transformational changes are only possible because so many make the mission and vision of our school a priority. As warmer months are upon us, be assured of our warm regards and prayers for all in the St. Francis de Sales family.

Sincerely in St. Francis de Sales,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. N. Rose, O.S.F.S." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Geoffrey N. Rose, O.S.F.S.

COLLEGIUM HONORUM



Collegium Honorum membership is composed of students in each class who have a 3.667 or better. Membership is determined each year at the end of the first semester. This year's ceremony took place on March 12, 2019. Dino Santacroce, MD, SFS'97, co-founder of RoMIUS Institute of Northwest Ohio, was our guest speaker.





BY: KAREN L. ZICKES

FINDING HIS FUTURE

DREW GRESPIN

realizes his dream
through myPREP

myPREP (Professional Readiness Educational Program) is essentially the individualized program for each unique St. Francis student. Interests, talents and abilities vary from student to student and through myPREP, individuals can seek out what interests them as they go through their discernment process of 'what comes next' after they leave SFS.

INDIVIDUALIZED ACADEMIC PLAN

Senior Drew Grespin had always been drawn to ophthalmology. His interest started at a young age when he was dealing with scarring across his left eye and continued until about the age of 13. The trips to the eye doctor and what they were able to do fascinated him. However, the idea of years of extra schooling did little to excite him in

pursuing ophthalmology. He thought, rather, maybe he could be happy in business or engineering so he added in classes such as physics and economics to his schedule. St. Francis has over 20 AP classes available and though Drew credits SFS with teachers who teach the AP classes well, he just wasn't all that interested in the subject matter and kept returning to the idea of pursuing ophthalmology.

SHAPING FUTURES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

"I wish I could have taken advantage of the medical outlets available at SFS, but ironically I was trying to be anything BUT a doctor until a few months ago," said Drew. But it was through his own individual academic plan that he figured out what does and does not drive his passion. Although Drew knows the classes he chose to take helped shape his direction, he will tell you it was much more. "I feel like everyone I've built a relationship with at this school has helped me. Everyone is so supportive and tries to get others to reach for dreams and dare to fail. Without St. Francis pushing me to find my passion, I could have rushed through college and been miserable in a career that I didn't want for the rest of my life," said Drew. He credits everyone encouraging each other to live by the quote from Francis de Sales 'Be who you are and be that well.' "The culture of St. Francis helps us become what we are destined to be without even realizing it," he added.

PURSUING HIS DREAMS ONE LAP AT A TIME

It's not that unusual for students to travel a distance to attend SFS. Drew has been commuting from his home in Huron not only to have the opportunity to pursue his individualized academic goals, but also to continue developing his love for competitive swimming. What Drew has learned and experienced not only in the classroom, but also the natatorium has greatly influenced his life and helped shape him into being the best version of himself.

"Basically all of my life skills have been acquired through

swimming. Determination, the value of hard work, friendship, commitment, patience, communication, humility, and leadership are just some of the life skills I have learned from swimming," said Drew. Although swimming has been a part of his life from a young age, he says most of those life skills he learned while swimming for St. Francis. Drew added, "They [the coaches] teach you to be people in addition to becoming elite swimmers."

"Because of the person that I have learned to be, at St. Francis in large part, I was very fortunate to receive so many opportunities to be a student-athlete at colleges across the country," Drew said. He will be attending the University of South Carolina in the fall, where he has received a scholarship to swim while pursuing a degree in ophthalmology.



SALESIAN REFLECTION

CAMDEN SERVICE SALESIAN REFLECTION **BY JACOB DARR '19**

Good morning Knights. Many of you know my name, but for those who don't, my name is Jacob Darr and I'm a senior. Most of you have seen me on the morning announcements with Malachi doing something goofy. Those that have classes with me know I try to lighten the classroom up with a joke or some remark. However, besides talking with my family and a select few individuals, something I have not done is to tell the story of the profound experiences I had on the service trip I went on this past summer. Now, more than ever, seems like an appropriate time for me to share my story, for in today's Gospel reading Jesus invites each one of us to imitate him as servant leaders.

Over a year ago, an announcement was read that anyone interested in going on a service trip to New Jersey was asked to write their name down on the Campus Ministry Office door. I didn't know what the trip was about,

but I put my name down anyway just to get some information. I received nothing in January and nothing February, so I thought that the whole idea was forgotten. But when May rolled around Fr. Zobler called eight juniors to his office. "I'm so glad you all can go on this pilot service trip" were his first words. I signed up just to hear some information and now I was assumed to be part of the group! For a second I hesitated... but in the end how could I say no to Fr. Z? So, in the beginning of July ten of us left for Camden, New Jersey. There were eight seniors: Frank Tokar, Oskar Klear, Will Haynes, Aaron Nash, Justin Thomas, Sid Fernandes, Andy Schuster, and myself, as well as Mr. Conry and Fr. Zobler. None of us students knew exactly where this town was on the East Coast. We came to learn that Camden is just to the east of Philadelphia, right over the Delaware River. Most of our service work was done out of Immaculate Conception Cathedral

in downtown Camden. The cathedral is 3.1 miles from Independence Hall, and to put it into perspective, that is less than the distance from St. Francis to the Huntington Center. These stats were made possible by the good people of Google Maps. By a show of hands, who has been out of state before? It is safe to say most of us have, even if it is just over the border to Michigan. The sad thing is, almost 50% of the kids living in Camden are so poor that they have never even crossed the river to enter into Philadelphia. Camden is rated one of the poorest cities in America, with many families resorting to selling drugs in order to be able to buy food for their children. In solidarity with the poor, we agreed that we would spend \$15 a day for all ten of us across our three daily meals. This averages out to \$1.50 per day for each person on the trip. This is what poor is like, and it is a poor I have never known. In the mornings we would walk from our retreat center, called DeSales

Service Works, to the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in downtown Camden. We would easily make two hundred sandwiches and bag them up in brown paper bags with some chips, a Ziplock of donuts, and some fruit. Half of the group packaged the bags and the other half would work the lunch line window. Each client would receive a lunch bag and a cup of water. Since it was July, they also got a popsicle. We were instructed that if anyone came to the window with a water bottle or an empty cup, they were given priority and could have as many refills as they wanted. So let me ask you a question: if I were to drink out of a styrofoam cup and then throw it in the trash, would any of you drink out of it after me? All I did was toss it in the trash. But the word “trash” probably makes you uncomfortable and you wouldn’t touch this cup. When I was working the window one afternoon, a gentleman came up, drenched head to toe in his own sweat. He went directly toward the fly-swarmed trash can, grabbed a recently used cup, and asked for a drink. His eyes showed hopelessness and despair. I would never have taken a cup from the trash and use it to drink out of. Then again, I’ve never been in that situation.

Our afternoons varied. Some of us could be picking up trash and used needles on the cathedral grounds, others drove a recovering drug addict from the hospital to a rehabilitation center, others swept up loose trash in a park, and others played kickball or basketball with the neighborhood kids. I remember one day we met some kids outside the park, playing



Back: Jacob Darr, Sid Fernandes, Justin Thomas, and Andy Schuster.
Front: Frank Tokar, Aaron Nash, and Will Haynes. Not Pictured: Oskar Klear.

“house.” As a kid I remember building forts out of blankets, kitchen chairs, and some small, kiddie tents. I’m sure most of you have this living room construction too. However, the materials they used included a stained, worn out sheet, an overflowing trash can, a plastic lawn chair, and an umbrella with holes in it. Their little play area smelled awful but I quickly learned

from their smiles and how much fun they were having, that it didn’t matter where their fort was. They were just having fun.

The thing that sticks out most from the trip is when our group went into Kensington, Philadelphia, one of the poorest boroughs in Philly. There was an Alcoholics Anonymous/ Narcotics Anonymous building called “The Last

Stop” and the gentleman in charge named Eddie, invited us to come see the neighborhood. The streets were lined with empty Gatorade bottles, crumpled chip bags, used needles, and cigarettes. Under bridges there were tent cities, crammed with numerous families. These “cities” smelled of urine and these streets had even more needles, dead mice, and human feces. I realized downtown Toledo looked like a paradise compared to this place. When I hopped out of the school van, I noticed an extremely large, red teddy bear, one you could win at Cedar Point. While we were talking on the street, a younger guy in his twenties told us about why that red teddy bear was there. He explained that the night before, he went to go to sleep on his cardboard box and a man was sitting in the same spot as the bear, sleeping as well. The next morning, the younger gentleman woke up and noticed that the other guy didn’t move since he last saw him. That man died during his sleep, and he was only twenty-four. We arrived hours after the family placed that bear there. I didn’t really know how to take in that information. And honestly, I still don’t.

We finished up the rest of our trip at DeSales University. Some of the Oblate priests at DeSales offered us a fire-pit to sit around and talk about our trip. We sat down just to chat and ended up decompressing for over an hour and a half, something none of us really expected. When we finished with our reflection, we turned in for the night by sleeping in cardboard boxes with sheets. I was up writing in my journal when a campus police officer

came up to talk with me. The goal of sleeping outside was to experience what a glimpse of life was for the homeless. He said that was admirable for a group of teenagers. The night ended up being a little colder than expected, so out of the ten in the group only three stayed out for the entire night; the others went into the dorms or the van.

I didn’t realize what this trip had done to me until I returned home. My mom picked me up and handed me a Pepsi, something that wasn’t part of my diet for the last week. Then she got me a pizza and offered me ice cream when we got home. Real healthy meal coming back home. I was processing each of these gifts at greater lengths than I usually did. Later that night, in my bedroom, I found myself crying uncontrollably. The image of that red bear wouldn’t leave me. I called one of my best friends and a 2016 alum, Ben Hannigan, and decompressed with him, still crying. Most of what I said didn’t make sense, but having him there on the other end was all I needed. He has been on plenty of these trips and has seen worse than me. He told me “These trips have a purpose - to change you for the better. Nothing will be the same.” That line, “nothing will be the same,” seems like an appropriate phrase to describe what Jesus may have wanted to tell his disciples on this day almost 2000 years ago. The lives of the disciples, like that of their Lord and friend, became about others now. And when I think of my trip to Camden and Philly, I can’t help but think of the people I met and the experiences I had that gave me a small glimpse

of someone else’s life. I have a new perspective on what it really means to be poor. Have you ever noticed how much food is in Meijer? It was a shock to me when I went for the first time after getting home. Just seeing the endless aisles of food reminded me of what others struggled with. I learned one very important thing that our parents have told us time and time again - be grateful. The list that you should make to thank God is incredibly long. Coming to this school, being able to play sports or participate in musical events, your home, your family, and your friends are a few things that come to mind, and that only scratches the surface. The simplest things in our daily life are often taken for granted and we tend to forget the One who has given it all to us.

During the last precious moments that Jesus had with his disciples, he did not teach them how to attain power or glory; he did not comfort them about the upcoming struggle; rather, he tried to impart the importance of serving those around you. If we want to be true leaders and disciples, we should not seek self glory, but try our best to raise up those around ourselves. Much is expected of those to whom much has been given, and we have all been blessed with so much. I pray that during this Easter Season, through the end of the school year, and into our summer, that we may become selfless servants working toward bettering the lives of our brother knights and the community around us.

SALESIAN REFLECTION

ENDING WELL SALESIAN REFLECTION BY JAKIEL WELLS '19

At our final all-school mass, this year, I was thinking as Drew Grespin gave the Salesian Reflection, "No one has ever asked ME to give one." And two days later, Fr. Rose came up to me at lunch and asked. God blessed me with the invitation to share with my brother classmates at our final Mass together.

Let me begin with the words of our patron St. Francis de Sales, "It matters little how one begins, provided that he be resolved to go on well, and to end well." I guess I'd have to say it didn't begin well for me since I wasn't even planning on coming to St. Francis! I was going to go to Central. I didn't even know anyone at St. Francis. Most people have a brother or a cousin who went here, they have some connection. For me, I met Coach Lewis, at summer league and he seemed like a genuine person.

So I came, but I was afraid, I didn't

know what to expect.

St. Francis was something new: the whole experience, athletics, academics, student body. All of it was outside of my comfort zone. While I had heard a lot about St. Francis, I had to experience it for myself.

An experience that really shaped all four years here happened right at the start. After our first All-School Mass, my classmates and I were talking to Mr. Conry about Mass. It was a different experience for many of us; many said it was boring. Mr. Conry told us, "You'll only get out of it, what you put into it." It is a simple sentence, but it has really spoken to me. Ever since that day, every bad situation I'm in, I think about that.

For example, I remember the freshmen retreat. Leading up to that day, everyone was talking about how it was going to be dumb, a waste of time, but I thought of what Mr. Conry said. I thought, give it a chance. It was a

great day and it built community.

And throughout my four years, I got a little bit more out of my shell, I began to socialize with everyone, not just athletes, whether in casual conversations in the hallway, or sitting with different people at lunch. All of these were opportunities to "put something more into it", and I always "got something more out of it."

I think back to that scared freshman. It started to get better with the football team, I got to know my team in the summer, and when school started, because many of them knew more people, I got to know more people. Then basketball was the same way. I met new people who introduced me to others. People saw me. I was "the kid with the goggles." Basketball helped me to meet many people that I might not have ever known. Because of these connections, I hold myself to a higher standard,

I quickly learned there are always people watching, they notice me, they know me. The great coach John Wooden said, "Character is what you do when no one is watching." When I'm out in public, I meet so many people connected to St. Francis; parents, alumni, supporters. I have received random letters of support, and I get a real sense of connection from that. At this year's Global Salesian Leadership Symposium, we had an open seat at our table and Mayor Kapszukiewicz joined us, turns out he's a St. Francis alumnus, too!

I have learned that pushing yourself in academics, is like pushing yourself in athletics. You have to be a student before you can be an athlete. My experience with academics? Well, that's another example of what St. Francis said. I didn't "begin well," BUT I'm "ending well." To any younger people in the church, today, I'm proof there are consequences for not beginning well. My lack of focus at the start put my back against the wall, I've had to achieve, this semester, my best grades ever to even have a chance at an athletic scholarship. The lesson that can be learned from this is: if you are focused from the start you won't have to scramble at the end, and hope you succeed.

Before coming to St. Francis I just didn't have a strong faith life. I wasn't a member of a church community. But here, I learned about God's love every day. Not just in our religion classes, but from the everyday experiences that can teach us how to "love one another" and "build up the body of Christ." As I stand here today,

I can honestly say that while St. Francis de Sales is my school, it is also my church. It gave me something I didn't have, and didn't know I needed. As I look for a college, I want to find one that can contribute to my spiritual growth the same way St. Francis has.

I want to thank the whole St. Francis faculty and staff. Without their sacrifice, the growth of the Class of 2019 wouldn't be the same. Each of you has played a part in making us who we are today. I want to thank a few people in particular. First, Mrs. Zemens, now you may be surprised to hear this because as a junior I failed your class! It didn't begin well, OR end well! I slept in her class a lot, and my grades showed it. But this year, she worked with me; she didn't give up on me, even though last year I gave up. You gave me an opportunity to correct my mistakes. Thank you. Next, Mrs. Austin, I appreciate everything you have done over the past four years. You have motivated and inspired me at every opportunity for all four years, and I thank you for that. No surprise, I want to thank Coach Lewis. He has been a champion in good times and bad and has always had my back. To be supported like that always gives me confidence.

I wish I could say something about each and every teacher, and staff member, but my time is short. But again, on behalf of us all, I thank everyone who gave extra help, even when we didn't want it, or our own effort suggested we didn't deserve it. You knew, even when we didn't, that we were going to need that help. Thank you!

To my brothers in the Class of 2019, today we will formally and officially bring to completion our four years of formation here at St. Francis. We will always be bound together by this experience, no matter where we go. I know it's true, I have seen it in the eyes of alumni I have met. In the end, as St. Francis said "We have no bond, but the bond of love, which is the bond of perfection." It is a great honor to have been chosen to give this reflection, I wish we all could have the opportunity to share like this.



I hope that something I shared speaks to your experience and is representative of us all. If I have ever missed an opportunity to be a brother to you, or worse yet, if I've ever done anything that made you feel less-than-worthy of who you are, I truly ask for your forgiveness. I invite you all to offer the same if there are relationships you need to mend. It is one powerful way that no matter how we began, we can insure that we "end well" our time as students of St. Francis de Sales School.

Life is a collection of beginnings and endings. As I reflect on these four years, I think of many successes and failures, opportunities seized and opportunities missed, moments of satisfaction and some regrets, too. But through it all, I have grown. As a man, as a Christian, as an athlete, as a friend. As we end this chapter of our journey, may we begin the next one with humble confidence, bringing the wisdom of our experiences here to wherever God calls us. As you begin your next step of the

journey, I pray that it begins well, but if by chance it doesn't, recall the words of St. Francis, "It matters little how one begins, provided that he be resolved to go on well, and to end well." We will always be Knights of de Sales and I thank you for letting me be a part of it.

MAY GOD BE PRAISED!



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



AUTISM AWARENESS

At St. Francis de Sales School “Be who you are and be that well” is more than a slogan. These words first spoken by Francis de Sales are imprinted in the hearts and minds of our students, faculty and staff. The friendship and resulting artwork of two seniors is a perfect example of how each student’s gifts and talents are not only encouraged, but they are honored and appreciated.

Artist Traynum '19 was the president of Art Club this year. He is a talented artist who has fostered his love for art

during his years as a student at St. Francis. Artist has a younger brother with autism so his experience with his brother helped him to relate with his classmate Eric Cark '19.

Eric, who has Autism, has been involved in various organizations including Autism Speaks and Acoustics for Autism, to help raise awareness in the community. Eric has always appreciated Artist’s artistic abilities, so for Autism Awareness Month in April, Eric asked Artist to help him with a project for the school. The pair worked together to create an art piece, which

was hung in the main lobby of the school.

Artist jumped at the chance to work with Eric. “I wanted to show students with Autism that they are represented and respected by their peers at St. Francis”, said Artist. Eric hopes that this artwork will display how at St. Francis, all students are encouraged to “be who you are and be that well”. Eric stated, “This philosophy has been integral to my education and success at St. Francis”.

KNIGHT BROTHERHOOD SPANS INTERNATIONAL BORDERS

Manuel Careaga was a Rotary exchange student this year at St. Francis de Sales School. Manuel is from Guasave, Sinaloa, Mexico, and he has family ties to Rotary in Mexico. His grandfather is a Past President of his local Rotary club, and last year, a family friend who is now the Rotary President offered an exchange year to Manuel. After accepting the offer, Manuel learned that his exchange year would be spent in the U.S., here in Toledo, Ohio at St. Francis de Sales School. Pat Sheehan, Rotary Member in Toledo, and his wife Elaine graciously agreed to host Manuel for the year. Although Pat and Elaine never had children who attended St. Francis, they were welcomed into an accept-

ing community. Pat stated, "At St. Francis, we found great leadership and legacy and we love the Oblate presence. None of our kids went to St. Francis, but we are now huge fans!" The Sheehans believe that hosting a student from any country, Mexico or otherwise, is a great opportunity to learn about another culture and provide a nice service to both the student and community. Pat stated, "I thought this was all about Manuel because he would learn the language and learn about our culture. To me, the biggest win was what Manuel gave to us as his host family, and to the community. He was an ambassador for his country to all the students at St. Francis as well as the community. What he left behind for us was even bigger than

what he got from the experience." When Manuel first arrived at St. Francis, Joe Sweeney, Director of Philanthropy, who is also a Rotarian, asked Manuel what his biggest fear was in coming to school in the US. Because of all the news and publicity regarding strained relationships between the US and Mexico, Manuel was concerned he would face discrimination. According to Manuel, he was accepted and embraced at St. Francis and in the Toledo community from the very beginning. In fact, Manuel said, "This was the best year of my life! In the end, I never had to deal with discrimination. I have met so many people at SFS, SUA, and NDA and I feel like my friends at SFS are my brothers!"



SFS received incredible testimonials among community leaders at Toledo Rotary for the role our school community played in the international student rotary exchange program. It was a powerful display of the brotherhood spanning international borders

SERVICE

JAMAICAN SERVICE TRIP

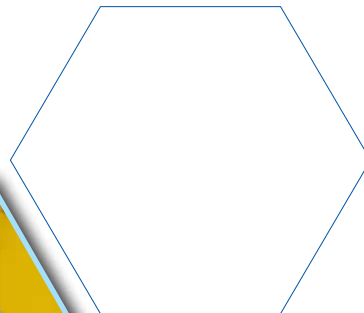
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SERVING OTHERS KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES

Sometimes serving others means leaving our comfort zone; leaving everything that is familiar and stepping into someone else's shoes. This past March twenty-nine St. Francis students accompanied by five adults, including St. Francis de Sales President Fr. Geoff Rose, OSFS, Joe Katarsky, OSFS, Chris Dyer '08, Michael Ugljesa, and Ben Forrester '94, spent their Spring Break serving others during the annual service trip to Jamaica.

Much of their time was spent building a home for an older homeless woman. They were also able to assist with the construction of a community resource called the Hope Center. The week wasn't just about constructing buildings, but it was also about building relationships. According to Fr. Rose, the group also began a new relationship between Is-leGO Missions Teams and a multi-disciplinary institution for









young people called College of Hospitality and Vocational Skills which was started in 2002.

If one is truly open to serving others, they need to be open to the needs of those they are helping and let that shape and form their efforts. "It is easy to say, 'I'm here and I will do this.' But a real servant leader listens to those he is serving to understand what is needed. Then the efforts to serve can bear fruit," said Fr. Rose.

Lumen Christi, another Salesian School where Fr. Geoff Rose began the first mission trips to Jamaica in 2004, was also present. During the week they were able to share some fun, work, and prayer together as well as with those they were helping.



INTERACT 2019



Our Interact students are involved in a variety of community service efforts during the year, but this spring, forty-five of our Interact members attended Imagination Station with about 120 students from Glendale-Feilbach. This day is important for our students because they are able to interact with students with dis-

abilities. From this experience, our St. Francis students learn to be patient, to experience things in a new way, and to appreciate the abilities of all students. According to Mike Wielgopolski, the faculty advisor for Interact, this day is impactful for our Interact Knights because “we learn to take great joy in simple things”.

TODAY, TOMORROW & FOREVER

INVESTMENT FOR TODAY

In 2013, Richard and Lillian Mertes opened an envelope from their son Jim. Much to their joy, it contained a note expressing Jim's gratitude for the role they had in Jim's successful 43-year career in the field of human relations. A focal point in the letter was the importance of SFS in his life, and his appreciation for his parents for forcing him to attend the Catholic, boys, college-prep high school on Bancroft.

"If my parents did not send me to SFS, I would not have had the career I had." Much like any young adult, high school

was a pivotal time in Jim's life. He remembers sitting on the stage in the gym that has long since been replaced by newer facilities thinking he was not going to make it. "The Oblates and faculty members held my feet to the fire," he recalled. Jim attributes St. Francis for instilling discipline, his parents and the school laid a foundation for moral and ethical behavior, and Fr. McMenamin taught him how to write well. "Ol' Jocko (Fr. McMenamin's unofficial nickname) was so important

in my career success. I was often told that I wrote better briefs than most attorneys." Since his career emphasis was in labor relations, writing was a critical skill to possess. As an expert in HR/Personnel Management, Jim is keenly aware of the needs organizations have today and their difficulty in attracting top workforce talent. "I see graduates of St. Francis as a strong alternative to what is coming out of a majority of schools today. What is coming out is woefully underprepared and nowhere near ready," said Jim. Indeed, most of what young people are learning today during high school and college will be obsolete by the time they enter

the workforce due to rapid advances in technology. Therefore, it is imperative that students are grounded in moral and ethical behaviors with the ability to think critically. "I like the direction St. Francis is heading. They have not wavered on the academic rigor, yet engage today's learners with relevant, real world experiences," he emphasized.

Jim and his wife Holly reside nearly 600 miles away in Fort Mill, SC, and he has lived outside of Toledo since 1973. But he realizes something very important in order to achieve a greater quality of life: "For us to succeed as

a nation, we need to get better at what we should expect." St. Francis de Sales School is making the investment to meet and exceed expectations, but since tuition revenues alone are insufficient to cover the necessary investment needed to deliver exceptional outcomes, it must rely on charitable support from many individuals. The school is incredibly thankful for those, like Jim and Holly, who support SFS every year through



great acts of generosity. Their ongoing support will, no doubt, encourage thousands of other young men who graduate from St. Francis and enjoy successful careers to write a similar letter of gratitude in the future to the generous donors who make it all possible.

A POWERFUL IMPACT TOMORROW AND FOREVER

Growing up, Paul Peer spent his summers working on his grandparent's farm, where he learned the value of hard work and responsibility. After graduating from Central Catholic High School, he enlisted in the army. Shortly after his return, he started working at Libbey Owens Ford, cutting mirror and glass, and in the early 1970s, he became a foreman. He held that position until his untimely death in 1977. Connie Peer's parents were born in Italy and migrated to the U.S. They brought their old-world values and raised her and her brother Joe accordingly. After her graduation from Notre Dame Academy High School, she met and married Paul.

She spent many years working in Sofo's Italian Market.

Paul was a straight shooter living in a black and white world, with no grey area; there was no such thing as "pushing the envelope" with Dad. He was strong and gentle and a powerful influence in the lives of his boys. Connie also instilled her values, using her motherly influence.

Paul and Connie saw the value of a Christian education, so the boys attended St. Pius X Elementary and then St. Francis

de Sales High School: Jim Peer, Class of 1968, David, 1973, Jeff, 1975, and Paul 1979. As children, the Peer boys were unaware that Catholic Schools charge tuition, and with four boys that meant sacrifice.

Because of the sacrifices his parents made and because he believes passionately in the mission of St. Francis de Sales School, Jim Peer, the oldest of the four boys, is leaving a minimum of \$250,000 from his estate to the St. Francis de Sales High School Foundation. He intends to create an endowed scholarship fund named The Peer Family Scholarship in Honor of their Mother and Father, Connie and Paul that will award scholarships to students in need in perpetuity.

Jim's planned gift will be added to funds raised with proceeds from the Italian Dinner, a benefit prepared and donated by the Peer Brothers for several years. Over the years that fund has already given \$100,000 in scholarships and has built a corpus of \$142,000.

Jim's wife Deb just recently committed \$10,000 to help fund CASE (Center for Advanced Scientific Exploration), one of the strategic initiatives of the school. Deb is a retired college teacher and believes in, not only the capital aspect of CASE but, even more importantly, what it will mean for how St. Francis students learn about science.



Having retired recently from Sofo Foods and still driven by his core value of hard work and responsibility, Jim now volunteers at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality Kitchen to help supply nutritious meals for those in need. In his words, "The deacon who ran the program for decades passed away, and the pastor asked for someone to help out. So, I said I can do it. Jesus said we are supposed to feed the hungry, so, I felt I should do it." He is also learning woodworking and enjoys making items for the family. Deb's gift will help move St. Francis forward with her commitment to

CASE. Jim's gift will endow and provide tuition assistance to young Knights in perpetuity. What a great statement he is making in providing for generations of future Knights to receive and come to believe in the education he received more than fifty years ago and still believes in today.

Jim gave a simple response for why he is making so significant a planned gift to the St. Francis endowment, "I believe."

For information on how you can make a gift for tomorrow and forever, contact the St. Francis de Sales School Development Office.

TAX SAVINGS SWEET SPOT FOR KNIGHT SENIORS

A LETTER FROM MIKE MCCARTHY '60

If you graduated from St Francis between 1958 and 1967 you're now more than 70 years old. Congratulations! If you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) whose distributions are taxed, such as a rollover from a prior employer's 401(k) plan, you're subject to Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs). Unless it's a Roth IRA the tax laws require you to take out taxable distributions beginning in the tax year when you turn 70 and a half so you can pay tax on them. The required amount is based on your age and the value of your IRA on the previous December 31st. But if you don't take out sufficient Required Minimum Distributions there's an excise tax of 50% of what you failed to receive. Do we have your attention now? The good news is you guys from those classes are also eligible to reduce your taxable income by making Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) to institutions like St Francis if you have a taxable IRA. The QCDs go to the charity but they count toward satisfying the amounts you're required to take out that year in taxable minimum distributions.

QCD's are better from a tax standpoint than making charitable contributions, which are deductible only if you itemize deductions on Schedule A of your tax return. Whether you itemize deductions or take the recently increased standard deduction you'll still get tax savings from QCDs. That's because they reduce what's called your adjusted gross income.

If you're in the select group who are old enough and fortunate enough to be forced by the tax laws to take taxable distributions from your IRAs, here's a way to lower your taxes. Request a Qualified Charitable Distribution from the financial institution which manages your IRA. They can mail the check directly to the recipient charity or to you, made payable to the charity, and you can send it on to the

recipient. These checks are always a welcome surprise for SFS when you enclose them with your response to the SFS Annual Fund reminder. They're also a great way to pay the annual installments on pledges you may have made to St Francis.

But watch out for some mistakes. Have QCD's made before you have taken all your other required distributions for the tax year. IRA distributions follow the "first dollars out rule" which means the first dollars taken from your taxable IRA are deemed to go towards satisfying your RMD. So use Qualified Charitable Distributions before you've exhausted your Required Minimum Distributions for the year.

Another mistake can come from not correctly designating the QCDs on your tax return. The Form 1099-R you get from your IRA administrator may have mysterious codes but they don't show anything about what portion of your IRA distributions that year were QCDs. Administrators cover their backsides by checking the box in 2a that says "Taxable amount not determined." It's up to you to inform your tax preparer of your QCDs so they can be subtracted from the "Gross distribution" amount shown in Box 1 of your Form 1099-R.

If you prepare your own tax returns you'll need to attach a schedule showing the recipient charities and amounts for your QCDs. Include as income only the net amount of distributions subject to tax. And save for your records the confirmation you receive from charities acknowledging your contributions.

If you qualify to make Qualified Charitable Distributions but all this sounds too complicated you can always simply take your regular RMDs, pay the taxes on them, and have less available for charitable contributions, which you can't deduct unless you itemize on Schedule A of your return.

42ND STREET

The 2019 St. Francis Spring Musical was 42nd Street. Cast members spent hours practicing dance, vocal and blocking. Many cast members learned to tap dance for the first

time! Students from SFS, NDA and SUA were introduced to classic standards from the Great American Songbook. Thank you to all who supported our show!





CASE

Center for Advanced Scientific Exploration

“The design of this new space sets the tone for a culture of collaboration among students, faculty and within the community.”

— Fr. Joe Newman, OSFS
Vice President





Our Passion is Helping Every Student Find and Develop His Passion.

St. Francis de Sales is excited to announce major construction to the science wing. “The global workplaces, and consequently college courses, are undergoing a tremendous shift. It is a major shift that mandates education to find the exact balance between lecture-style learning and project-based learning. Our facilities and programs must be designed to reinforce our desired culture and expected outcomes. The Center for Advanced Scientific Exploration (CASE) will create a sustainable model that integrates collaborative workspaces, leadership development opportunities, and project-based learning experiences for our students,” said President of St. Francis de Sales School, Fr. Geoffrey Rose, OSFS.



Scan to see more
about CASE

The CASE facilities will reinforce the ideal educational learning environments that are required to engage today's learners.

The physical improvement and technology upgrades will include:

- Biology Class/Lab
- Anatomy & Biology Class/Lab
- Physics Class/Lab
- Chemistry Class/Lab
- Physical Science Class/Lab
- Human Performance Lab;
Human Performance Lab Testing
Technology and Equipment

The CASE project will provide collaborative opportunities, bringing the classroom and laboratory together in six new spaces. Over the summer of 2019, the first stage of our CASE project will be completed with the creation of our Human Performance Lab. This lab will provide space for equipment such as a metabolic cart, a Bod Pod and two Dynavision light boards. The equipment enables faculty to teach health science by incorporating innovative lab equipment and research opportunities. This will enhance the understanding of the effects of exercise and nutrition by eliminating a level of abstraction. Students will understand the meaning of physiological measurements by relating to their own personal experiences in the lab. St. Francis de Sales School, with the support of community partners, is advancing education and leading the way in the field of science with CASE.



ANATOMY & BIOLOGY
CLASS / LAB

1,343 sq ft



CASE

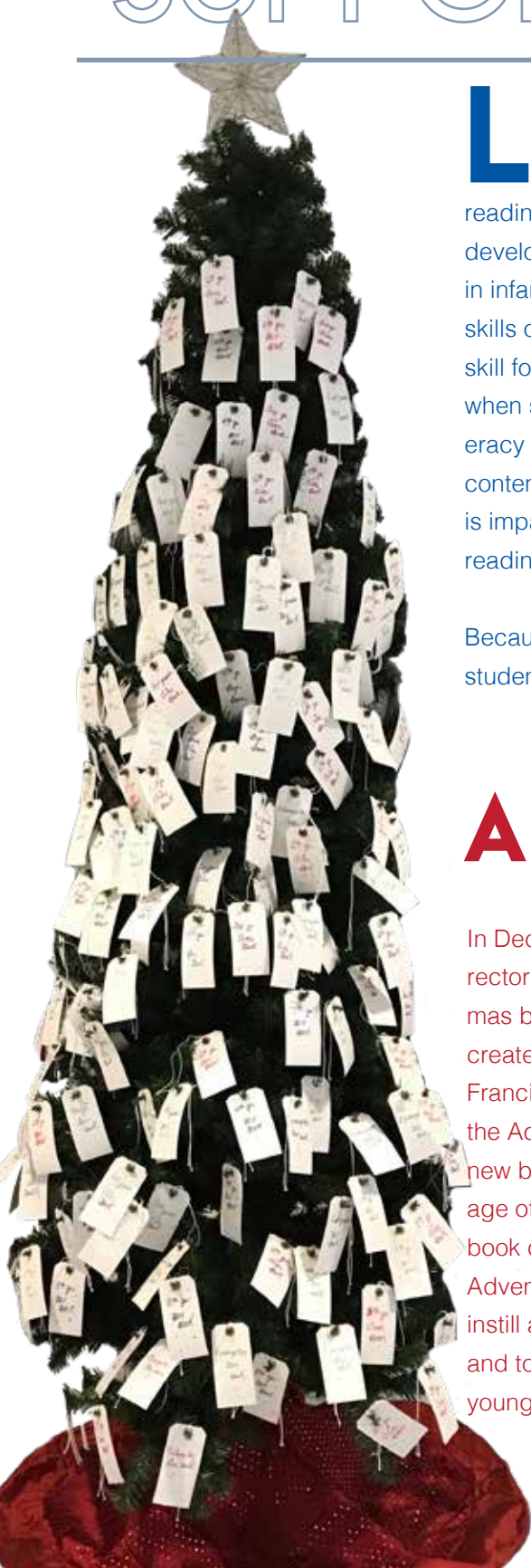
Center for Advanced Scientific Exploration

STORAGE
224 sq ft



CHEMISTRY
CLASS / LAB
1,379 sq ft

ST. FRANCIS SUPPORTS LITERACY



Literacy skills are the foundation to any student's education. Literacy is a combination of language, reading, and writing skills, which start to develop when children begin to babble in infancy. Students cannot learn literacy skills on their own, and without proper skill formation, struggles can arise later when students are learning to read. Literacy affects access to and interest in all content areas; therefore, every educator is impacted by the student's language, reading and writing skills.

Because of the importance of literacy, students, faculty and staff at St. Francis

are inspired to participate in community efforts to promote and instill a love of reading in all students. Through initiatives like Reading Buddies, Dia, Read Across America and the Advent Book Drive, St. Francis students are serving in the community because they want to make an impact on the educational journey of younger students. Through games and activities, one on one reading, and even intervention training, our young Knights are learning leadership and service strategies. They are working alongside other students and community groups to make a difference for today and for the future.

ADVENT BOOK TREE

In December, 2018, Cathy Trimble, Director of Student Life initiated a Christmas book drive for Gesu School. Cathy created an Advent Book Tree where St. Francis students could take a tag from the Advent Book Tree and purchase a new book that appropriately matched the age of the recipient. The purpose of this book drive was threefold; to celebrate Advent with our neighbors at Gesu, to instill a spirit of giving in our Knights, and to encourage a love of reading with young students.



READ ACROSS AMERICA

By: Karen L. Zickes

STUDENT ATHLETES SHARE JOY OF READING

The first Read Across America Day (RAAD) was in 1998 and is celebrated annually on the birthday of Dr. Seuss. The purpose of this annual nationwide event is to encourage youngsters to read more and develop good reading habits that will equate to greater success in school.

To celebrate RAAD 2019 a few St. Francis student athletes joined their football coaches Jason Wawrzyniak and Dan Chipka along with the school's Director of Salesian

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-MALACHI WYSE**

Leadership, Rick Cicco, and Director of Marketing, Janice Schlachter, for a morning of reading and fun at Mom's House in Toledo. Mom's House recently celebrated their 25th anniversary in Toledo. The 5-star childcare center assists low income, single parents finishing their education; be it high school, techni-

cal school or college. Mom's House provides support for parents on many levels and also their children.

"...I would genuinely say the experience was a great one and I would do it all over with the same group of kids," said senior Malachi Wyse. According to Wyse the SFS students read various books by Dr. Seuss, in honor of his birthday, and spent time with the children on the playground. It was a rewarding morning for all those involved.

Malachi reflected on his time at St. Francis and the various experiences he had as a student. "I definitely think service plays a big part in my life now that I went to St. Francis and joined Interact. It showed me that simple things can mean a lot and to just have love for one another over all." Taking what he has learned about service to others and building authentic relationships with those around him he hopes to join a service club as he begins his college career at the University of Cincinnati in the fall.



DÍA DÍA DÍA

By: Karen L. Zickes



READING ACROSS ALL CULTURES

Reading is for everyone, no matter what linguistic or cultural background. Día, which is Spanish for “day”, was a special day set aside on April 30 during Right to Read Week. In honor of this day several St. Francis students were out in the community sharing the importance of literacy and love of reading with many Toledo youngsters.



This year the library had selected a Latin themed book to be shared called What Can You Do With A Paleta? which is written in both English and Spanish. Paleta is a Spanish word and means a frozen, fruit flavored treat. The St. Francis Director of Salesian Leadership, Ricky Cicco, along with Director of Marketing Janice Schlachter and nine SFS students spent time with local children ages 2-5 at the King Rd. library.



The time spent with the children was not only about reading to them and spending time making paleta themed crafts, but it was also about leading by example. The mission of Día was two-fold. said Director of Salesian Leadership, Ricky Cicco.

READING BUDDIES

By: Karen L. Zickes

BUDDIES MAKE IT BETTER

It's no fun feeling like the only one struggling with a particular subject in school. As a young student it can be very discouraging to struggle every day and watch your classmates breeze past you. For many children grades K-3 struggling to read can be not only frustrating but also detrimental if other subjects suffer due to poor reading skills. This summer several St. Francis students will be providing tutoring to area children through the Reading Buddies program at the Toledo Public Library on King Rd. in Sylvania. The SFS students will receive training in reading intervention, assisting them on the best way to help the children which will in turn earn their trust and lead to building authentic relationships with the young students.

One SFS tutor is Connor Szymkowiak '21. "I love working with children," said Connor who had also tutored children in a math program last summer. He enjoys giving of his time and helping others improve on their weaknesses.

Just as being a part of the Toledo YES Project, SFS Teen



Pep, and the Jamaican service trip have all helped Connor grow closer to God through helping others, he feels fortunate he can help others also grow in their faith as well as in their own abilities.

"St. Francis de Sales teaches us and shapes us into kind and gentle Knights," said Connor. And in turn he feels that has helped instill in him and his fellow Knights the importance of compassion and service to others; ultimately putting others before themselves. Fr. Joe Newman, OSFS '03, Vice President at St. Francis de Sales School, is most excited about this service/leadership opportunity because it personifies the school's saying "be who you are, and be that well". Our students will be trained to assist young readers, but most importantly this experience will teach our students to accept others as they are. In reference to

Reading Buddies, Fr. Newman stated, "This helps to answer the question 'what world are we creating for our students'? As an individual, a school or a business, how do we broaden our view of people with whom we could work? If I do not have the skills to work with people who are different than me, how can I believe in

'be who you are and be that well'? This opportunity for our students supports the mission of the school in journeying with men and women to become the people God created them to be."



CLASS OF 2019





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KNIGHTS
OF
HONOR

- » 46 Recipients of an Ohio Honors Diploma
- » 54 Recipients of the President's Educational Award of Excellence
- » 1 National Merit Finalist
- » 5 National Merit Commended Students
- » 11 Recipients of the Global Seal of Biliteracy
- » 8 Recipients of the Ohio Seal of Biliteracy
- » 1 John and Helen Mahoney Leadership Award
- » 3 Youth Jefferson Awards/Students In Action
- » 1 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award
- » 78 Seniors took 320 Advanced Placement Examinations in 20 Subjects
- » 27 Seniors earned 123 college credits through CCP at the University of Toledo
- » 14 Seniors earned 96 college credits through Dual Enrollment at DeSales University
- » Seniors completed 13,500 hours of Community Service during 4 years



37 MEMBERS
OF THE
NATIONAL
HONOR
SOCIETY



135
GRADUATING
SENIORS

98%
COLLEGE
ACCEPTANCE



54
RECIPIENTS OF
ACADEMIC
HONORS

“Fellas, you can’t stay out late and hoot with the owls
if you expect to get up and soar with the eagles”

– Carl Janke
Colton Hanus ‘08



“Stay off the
Senior Steps!”

– Anonymous
Joe Santiago ‘04

“Step on the starter,
crank up the Lizzie,
come on St. Francis,
let’s get busy!”

– Ratch
Ryan Buczkowski ‘86

“Be who you are and be that well”

– St. Francis de Sales
Jeff Lacourse ‘87

“The proudest boast of the ancient
world was ‘Civis Romanus sum’, the
proudest boast of the western world
was ‘Ich bin ein Berliner’, and the
proudest boast of a citizen in Toledo
is ‘I am a St. Francis Knight!’”

– Fr. Jim Sottek, OSFS
Thomas Gordon ‘79



“Take the button off
of your dink.”

– Anonymous
John Metzger ‘75

“Lips only speak to ears.
Hearts speak to hearts.”

– St. Francis de Sales
Hogyem Evan Joo ‘13

“How many moles?!”

– Doc Uram
Stephen Yoder ‘94

“Check your email”

– Doc Mueller
Alex Kenzie ‘10

**“Tempus fugit”
(Time Flies)**

– Anonymous
Lawrence Ivan ‘71



“Preach the Gospel and when needed, use words.”

– St. Francis of Assisi
Alec Falkenberg ‘13

“Can’t means won’t, found only in the dictionary of fools.”

– Fr. Diekman, Freshman Latin
Gary Bryan ‘74

What are some words of wisdom you first heard at St. Francis that still stick with you today?



Answer our next question:

“What car did you drive in high school?”

Email your answers to
alumni@sfsknights.org by October 15, 2019.

“We are the Knights and the Knights are the best (clap, clap, clap)”

– SFS Student Section
Nathan Paszczykowski ‘94

“NO TOUCHING IN LAB”

– Doc Uram
Corey Pollauf ‘12



ACADEMIC SPIRITUAL SOCIAL PHYSICAL



Knights win first All-Sports trophy since joining the Three Rivers Athletic Conference (co-champs with St. John's Jesuit). Came down to the last regular season contest of the season - varsity baseball at Central Catholic. The victory over the Irish clinched a share of our 4th-straight conference title for baseball and our first all-sports trophy.





CONFERENCE PLACEMENT

- Football: 6th out of 8
- Golf: 3rd out of 7
- Soccer: 2nd out of 7
- Cross Country: 2nd out of 7
- Basketball: 3rd out of 8
- Wrestling: 6th out of 8
- Swim & Dive: 1st out of 7
- Baseball: 1st out of 8
- Tennis: 4th out of 8
- Track & Field: 2nd out of 8

ANNECY

On Easter Monday, Frs. Joseph Newman and Ronald Olszewski departed Detroit to take a group of alumni, past parents, and friends to Annecy, France, in the Footsteps of St. Francis de Sales. The pilgrimage included visits to Chateau de Sales, where Francis was born and raised, the Gallery where he and St. Jane de Chantal began the Sisters of the Visitation of Holy Mary, the Basilica where he and St. Jane are buried, and the Fortress Allinges, where he stayed each night when, as a young priest, he evangelized the Calvinists in the area of the Chablais. Tom Bingle, Class of 1973, whose profession is world travel, organized the details of the journey and traveled as a member of the group.

Pilgrims stayed at the Splendid Hotel located in Old Annecy, close to the shore of Lake Annecy. The hotel is in walking distance to several Churches including the Church of St. Francis de Sales, the Cathedral where Francis celebrated sacraments as Bishop of Geneva, and a host of delightful restaurants.

In Geneva members toured the United Nations Office of Geneva. On the way to Chateau de Sales the group visited the charming village of Chamonix. Unfortunately, the cable car to Mont Blanc was not operating that day due to high winds. On Sunday afternoon, after a boat ride on Lake Annecy, a tour was taken of the Chateau d'Annecy, a castle built between the 12th and 16th centuries for the Counts of Geneva and the Dukes of Genevois-Nemours.

Frs. Joe and Ron concelebrated Mass for the pilgrims at the Basilica in Annecy, the chapel at the Chateau de Sales, the Fortress Allinges, and the Church of St. Francis de Sales in Old Annecy.





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1. Fr. Ron Olszewski & Fr. Joe Newman in the Chapel at the Chateau de Sales

2. Travelers appearing from left to right in the picture outside the chapel at the Chateau de Sales

Christine Shevlin Rizzo, Becky and Jay Updegraff, Dr. Jack Carroll, Maureen Martindale, Fr. Joe Newman, behind them, Pat and Dr. Dave Mallory, Fr. Ron Olszewski, Michael and Andrea Newman, Dick Billmaier, Nancy and David Brown, Anne Marie and Tom Blank, and the local guide, Margarite Marie. Tom Bingle took the picture.

3. David Mallory, Dr. Jack Carroll & Fr. Joe Newman having lunch in Geneva

4. Maureen Martindale, Tom Bingle, Fr. Joe Newman, Pat Mallory at the Chateau d'Annecy



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CLASS NOTES



1958 The Class of 1958 celebrated their 60th reunion!

1959 The Class of 1959 celebrates a post-Christmas lunch at Ralphie's. Members of the class meet once a month for lunch and great reminiscing!



Chuck Terbille '61 a retired librarian from the University of Toledo, is leading the effort to organize and archive 65 years of St. Francis history. Reunion groups and others will be able to access this information. The archives are currently located in the Schlachter Student Achievement Center.



Dick Walinski '61 addressed a group at a reception in Naples, Florida in February. Dick, a constitutional law expert, discussed the contentious nature of judicial appointments.

Ron Olszewski '62 and **Joe Sweeney '83** A group of SFS snowbirds, accompanied by Fr. O and Joe, gathered at Audubon Country Club in Naples, FL for the annual reception.



1966 The Class of 1966 gathers for a monthly luncheon. This past May, Mike Johnston from Florida joined them.



Mike Gonsiorowski '69, Eric Karolak '82, and Bob Savage '85 gathered for an advocacy day at the Statehouse hosted by Groundwork Ohio, Ohio's statewide early childhood advocacy organization. These gentlemen work to make quality early childhood education a reality for children and families in need. Left to Right: Eric Karolak '82, Mike Gonsiorowski '69, Bob Savage '85



1971 A few members of the 1971 Class got together for dinner April 1, 2019 and enjoyed old friends and reminisced.



Michael Kenney '76 is co-author of *In God We Trust: Morally Responsible Investing*.

Mike Mossing '76 has spent the first months of the year on a bicycle trip — starting in Cairo, Egypt and ending in Cape Town, South Africa. A truly amazing adventure! Check out some highlights from Mike's trip on Instagram (mcmossing).

Sean Carroll '77 was an executive producer of "The Farthest", a documentary celebrating NASA's Voyager mission that won an Emmy this past year.

Vince DiPofi '78 Congratulations to Vince who was named CEO at SSOE starting in 2020.

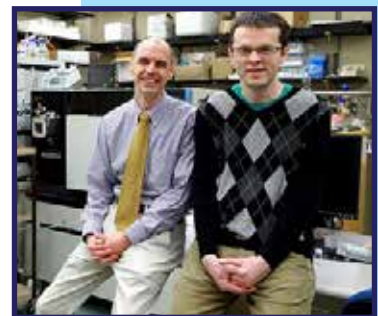
1979 Mark Christoff, Tim Whitney, Mark Dubuc, and Daryl Lukas stopped into the school to catch up on what is new on Bancroft!

John Pierce '82 finished his 11th Ironman competition. He promised himself he would stop at 10 but what else is an Iron Man to do? He will also be earning his doctorate degree from Penn later this year!

Bill Wozniak '92 performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra in Carnegie Hall on Friday, June 7.

David Kennedy '92 is the assistant professor of medicine in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences at the University of Toledo. Dr. Kennedy collaborated with the associate professor of chemistry to develop a highly accurate method to test for microcystin, a dangerous toxin, in the human body.

Evan Malone '94 Dr. Malone promotes personal health and well being through his own life, completing 18 triathlons, including Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii, and 8 marathons, including the Boston Marathon. He is also past president of Tri Gulf Coast, the region's premier program for multi-sport athletes where he received the Tri Gulf Coast Mentor of the Year Award and Pensacola Sports Foundation Volunteer of the Year Award in 2016.



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Craig Teamer '94 is doing great things in our community working at the Toledo/Lucas County Port Authority as Manager, Finance and Special Projects.

Steve Schoembs '95 opened Hoppin' Vines in Cincinnati, OH. Steve followed his dream to open his own restaurant/bar and has made it happen! Hoppin' Vines offers a wide variety of craft beers, wine, and spirits as well as Delicio Coal Fired Pizza!

Cory Thompson '96 After being a part of Stout's Valuation Advisory group for almost two decades, Cory has been named the new leader of the Detroit office.

Bryan Geha '99 and his wife, Christy, had a baby boy December 13, 2018.

Patrick Hogan '99 and his wife, Stacey, had a baby boy, Liam, December 23, 2018.



Dave Peer '99 and Stefanie Stark, a 1999 NDA graduate, were married at Christ the King Church by Fr. Joe Newman. Many SFS grads were in attendance!

Front row left to right: Chris Peer, Dave Stark, Andrew Topping, Craig Schaefer. Second Row: David Peer, Rob Claypool, Brian Henry, Mark Weimer, Drew Stark, Jeff Peer, Dave Stark, Jim Peer, Dave Peer, Paul Peer. Third Row: Nate Nowels, Mark Sell, Bobby Batey, Matt Evans, Dave Sell, Joe Restivo, Dan Evans, Brad Smith, Brody Henry, John Hall, and Ben Henry.

Nathan Boltz '00 and wife, Lindsay, had a son, Noah Alan, born April 26, 2019.



Mike Saccone '01 In June of 2018, The National Wildlife Federation announced that Mike Saccone will serve as Associate Vice President for Communications. He'll help implement the National Wildlife Federation's overarching strategy to advance key priorities established in its new strategic plan, including increasing America's wildlife populations, improving federal management of public lands, encouraging conservation on private lands, and restoring America's waterways.

James Bingle '02 and his wife Katy had a baby boy, Benjamin, August 14, 2018.

Ian Gallagher '03 was named the Sand Ridge Golf Club Superintendent in Chardon, OH; He started May 1. He was previously in Philadelphia at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. Welcome back to Ohio, Ian and family!

Kevin Bingle '04 and his wife, Tara, had a baby girl December 14, 2018.

Chris Cabanski '04 As Senior Biostatistician at The Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy. Chris is using his background in statistics to develop drugs to combat cancer.

Kevin Crotte '04 and his wife, Natalie, welcomed a baby girl into the family January 9, 2019.

David Liebrecht '05 and his wife Celeste had a baby boy, Liam, in July of 2018.

Zach Hohl '05 and wife, Carolyn, welcomed their boy, Robert Kelly Hohl, into the family on April 8, 2019.

Justin VanDemark '06 and his wife Rebecca welcomed baby girl, Charlotte, into the family November 1, 2018.

Nicholas Zychowicz '07 and his wife, Amy, had a baby boy, Mason, on November 29, 2018.

Mark Blowers '08 performed on June 7 at The Green Room 42 on 42nd St. in NYC.

Kyle Stanley '09 is the Head Coach for Westerville Crew, one of the largest rowing programs in Ohio. This year he took the Boys Lightweight 4+ to the US-Rowing Youth Nationals in Sarasota June 6-9.

Matthew Fairchild '10 and wife, Cody, had a daughter born March 6, 2019.



CLASS NOTES



Nick Orzechowski '10 decided that all of the sacrifices his parents made for him over the years deserved a special gift. Nick designed and constructed a specialized wheelchair for his mother that allows her to access the beach and other inaccessible areas for a normal wheelchair. During their recent vacation, the family enjoyed being together for a morning sunrise walk along the beach!

Alec Falkenberg '13

followed an inner calling to serve by spending two weeks in South Africa on a service trip with Calvary Church. Alec spent time training local church leaders to effectively lead and care for their people through genuine love and kindness.



Andrew Husted '13 works for Ann Arbor 3D Printed Models, LLC using 3D printers to create things that wouldn't be able to be assembled otherwise. His work is on display at the Blissfield Model Railroad Club in Adrian.

Zach Vigneau '13 Zach graduated from the University of Michigan in 2017 and is now a Research Analyst at Human Capital Research Corporation in Chicago, IL.



— **Matt Zmuda '13** The Detroit Tigers announced several hires and promotions within its baseball operations department, impacting scouting, analytics and player development. Matt Zmuda joined the amateur-scouting department as Area Scout. Zmuda served as an amateur scouting intern with the Tigers during the 2018 season after spending the 2017 season as an intern with the Wareham Gatemen in the Cape Cod League.

Bryce Buyakie '14 is extremely happy to have been accepted into the Craig Newmark School of Journalism at the City University of New York for the fall semester!

Ethan Bevington '15 After graduating from Bowdoin College in Maine with a focus in economics, Ethan will be living and working in Manhattan. He is employed by Yext, a technology company specializing in social media optimization strategies and online brand management.

Jacob Lang '15 is getting his Masters in Global Health Policy at the London School of Economics.



Luke Bockbrader '16 married Veronica Mielcarek June 22, 2018. Alex Vigneau '16, Devin Miller '16, Easton Skinner '16, Lance Bockbrader '17 were all members of the wedding party. Luke also served as a student athletic trainer with the Ohio State Football Team at the Rose Bowl and is interning this summer with the Miami Dolphins.



Easton Skinner '16 completed Airborne School and Army basic training, where he was awarded Soldier of the Cycle, both at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He is now serving in the Army.

Alex Vigneau '16 Expected 2020 grad of the University of Michigan is studying aerospace engineering and spent the winter of 2018 as an intern for NASA at Cape Canaveral, FL.



CLASS NOTES

Jarret Trendel '17 will be finishing his Bachelor's degree in Biology in December and will look to continue for his Masters. Jarret utilized the myPrep program at St. Francis and was able to transfer many AP credits allowing him to graduate exceptionally early!

Nathan Vigneau '18 Nate finished his freshman year at Michigan State where he studies mechanical engineering in hopes of working in the space industry someday.



—**Jacob Szymanski '19** earned the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout at a ceremony at Fort Meigs in March.

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