

# ST JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

5 May 2013



## Coming Up

**May 6—17:** AP Exams

**May 9:** Ascension Thursday, noon dismissal

**May 11:** Hall of Fame

**Student Council Speeches this Week**

*photo by Lisa DeTullio Russell*

## Get thee to Harbor Yards.

St Joe's baseball team won a 1-0 decision over Trumbull Saturday night under the lights at Harbor Yard. The win broke a tie with Trumbull for first place in the FCIAC. A good crowd on both sides kept the stadium jumping, as did the chilly temperature. The Trumbull student section seemed better organized, but someone should have told Trumbull's bare-chested, painted-belly boys the game was not indoors. Brrr.

**Hall of Fame.** The first SJ Hall of Fame is this coming Saturday, May 11. For Reservations, Sponsorship and more info visit: [www.sjcadets.org/HOF](http://www.sjcadets.org/HOF)



## The Class of 2017 pays it forward

The generosity of the incoming Class of 2017 has already become evident. At their last Orientation activity at SJ, over six boxes of toiletries were collected. The donated soap, shampoo, razors, tooth brushes and paste, Kleenex and flip-flops will be given to the Bridge, a ministry at St James in Stratford, as well as shared with residents in Bridgeport. We think the Class of 2017 will fit right in.

*Pictured above: Our current Class of 2016 Freshmen were on hand to help: Lena Vivo, Mike Saymon, Frank Perez, Myles Gee, Trent Nayve and Candace Wright.*

## Our GUYS and DOLLS — Dr Fitz

Nothing lights up a school like a musical in process. The last two weeks have been frantic with excitement. Songs being rehearsed in the corridors. Desperate search for chairs. Furniture missing from your office? Check the props manager. While Montelli Court was transformed into the Salvation Army's Mission Hall, talents transformed into high performance art. We knew the Dolls could dance, but the GUYS? Step aside Gangnam, St Joe's now owns pop-culture. The drama club ROCKED it! Creative kudos to Mrs Cardillo, the musical magic of George Horton, and the detailed choreography of Maegan Daly. BRAVO ALL!



**From one author to another (19) authors.** 19 students from Mrs Broderick's Senior Creative Writing class visited the kindergarten and first grade classrooms at St Catherine of Siena School in Trumbull this week, to read the younger students their children's storybooks that they wrote, illustrated and published.

This visit was the culmination of over a month of storyboarding, illustration drafts, and rewrites which began with a fantastic visit from children's author and illustrator, Jennifer Thermes. Thermes worked with the seniors on the creative process involved in creating children's literature. She offered them invaluable information that they can use as they write, illustrate and publish their own children's story books...which worked brilliantly in the final result. The student's book topics ranged from childhood firsts such as the first day of school or first trip to the dentist, to books about kittens and rabbits, ballerinas and how to handle bullies.

**How to Talk So Kids Will Listen...And Listen so Kids Will Talk.** Over thirty parents from our community took part in a workshop on developing learning skills that will make life with children easier and more satisfying. This first evening in a series of three dealt with communication and conflict resolution and already has been put to good use...Said one of the participants, "Great workshop last night! I used one of the strategies today and it worked like a charm. Thanks for the great tips and good discussion." Parents often complain that children don't come with instructions, so here's a great opportunity to develop some "best practices." There are still two sessions scheduled: Wednesday, May 8th and Tuesday May 14th, from 6:30 to 8pm. To register, call Mrs Seperack at 203-378-9378x457; KSeperack@sjcadets.org.

## Counselors Corner. —Ms Vaios MA, NCC School Counselor

**Quiet in the Halls!** Beginning on Monday, May 6th our sophomores, juniors, and seniors will sit for the Advanced Placement (AP) Exams. This year we will be administering 135 exams in 14 subjects. Though our students are well prepared for the exams, it is important that they arrive to school early on the mornings they have exams. If your student has an 8am exam, they should arrive to school by 7:30am. If your student has an afternoon exam, they should take first or second lunch and then report to their exam at 11:30am for their 12:00pm exam. Lastly, make sure your student has a good night's sleep the night prior to the exam and eats a hearty breakfast!



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**UNDERCLASSMEN  
PARENTS...  
WE NEED YOU!**



**Parent Chaperones are needed for  
St. Joe's Annual POST-PROM event on May 17!**

St. Joseph High School is hosting a FUN, SAFE, FREE Post-Prom at the Sports Center complex in Shelton on Thursday (into Friday morning), May 17. It is a great time for ALL Seniors and their dates -- full use of the facility, raffle prizes, refreshments and much more! We are asking for your help in order for this event to be successful from year to year. By encouraging underclassmen parents to get involved, this ensures that the tradition of a SAFE Post-Prom will continue. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents and see what the Post-Prom is all about. When your child gets to their Senior year, you will reap the benefit of knowing that underclassmen parents will be on board monitoring that your child is having a fun, safe time after the Prom. Many schools in our area host similar events, and it has dramatically reduced the number of large, house parties where underage drinking, etc. has occurred. Please consider helping out by chaperoning one of the shifts this year.

**YES, I CAN HELP!!**  11:30-1:30 a.m.  1:30-3:30 a.m.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Ann Marie Saranich at [ames0423@att.net](mailto:ames0423@att.net) for more information.

Forms can be returned to the main office at school. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!**

## **PARENTS:**

Make sure your kids  
don't miss out...

**THE BEST ST. JOE'S  
POST-PROM PARTY  
WILL BEAT**



St. Joe's is offering a fun, safe, memorable, **FREE** Post-Prom event at the Sports Center complex in Shelton!

- Starts right after the Prom from Midnight until 3:30 a.m. (students can leave at 2:30 a.m. if they prefer). Locker rooms are available to change.
- Full, **FREE** use of all activities (Laser Tag, Ice Skating, Fun Bowl, Driving Range, Mini-Golf, Arcade, Movie Room, and more!).
- Plenty of **FREE** Food & Drinks including a Candy Bar!
- **FABULOUS FREE RAFFLE PRIZES** including iPads, Gift Cards, ESPN basket, Dorm Room Baskets, and a \$500 CASH PRIZE!! Plenty of raffle items to win just for coming!! Every Senior can attend (regardless of whether they went to Prom) and their date also gets 10 raffle tickets.

**Please encourage your son/daughter to attend the BEST Post-Prom Party! Make it a night to remember, not a night to regret.**

Permission slips & more info. available with Prom Bids  
Contact Mrs. Anderson or Ms. Piatek for more information.

**\*\*\*Sign up by May 3rd to receive 10 Extra Raffle Tix!\*\*\***