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Arches Spring, 2010

The Alumni Newsletter of St. John the Baptist Parish School

Happy 50th Anniversary Saint John the Baptist Parish!

By Kathy Young

This year St. John the Baptist Catholic Community celebrates its 50th anniversary. As a parish school, our faith community is an integral part of how we define ourselves as a school. A community is a group of individuals who are joined together by a common interest. Our faith as Catholics and our value in Catholic education is what joins us as a school and as a parish. Though we are joined together as a community, we are all individuals within the community. Some excel at academics, others in athletics, community service,

music, scouting, and more. In this edition of *Arches* we will celebrate the remarkable milestone of our parish and the foundation it provides our school. We will also celebrate the wonderful gifts of the individuals within our community. It is the strength of the individuals that allows us to grow. It is the foundation of our parish and school community that supports and nourishes the individual. Congratulations to St. John the Baptist Catholic Community. The last 50 years have given us a lot to be thankful for.



SJB Gives Back-Alumni Helping in Haiti

By Liz Richardson

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Imagine living without running water, sporadic electricity, no refrigeration, rare internet access, sparse medicine, few hospitals and no clean water. This was life in Haiti for many **before the earthquake** and where St. John the Baptist Catholic School alumni Kevin Osborne '97 is living now.

After graduating from the University of Maryland in 2005 with a degree in Political Science, Kevin held a management position at Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission. Two week-long missions in 2007 and 2008, working alongside his father at the clinic of SJB sister parish, St. Pierre in Baraderes, Haiti, left him resolved to return for a more serious commitment to the country.

In August 2008 Kevin resigned from his job and signed on for a year of volunteer service in Gros Morne, Haiti with the Religious of Jesus and Mary. He arrived after the first of four devastating hurricanes occurred. The hurricanes left hundreds of thousands homeless due to flooding and decimated the country's meager harvest. Help was desperately needed for a country already suffering from years of humanitarian crisis and natural disasters. The hurricanes left huge stagnant pools of fetid water and mud; perfect breeding grounds for disease. Through donations to Malaria Fini, University of Notre Dame and other non-governmental agencies, Kevin coordinated a community-led water sanitation program to combat mosquito and water borne illnesses.

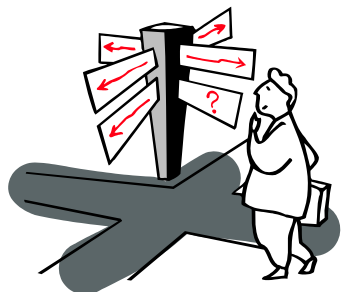
Haiti is the poorest country in

the Americas and **one of the poorest in the world**. Eighty percent of its nine million people live in grinding poverty; 50% cannot read or write and 60% have no jobs. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), more than half the households exist on just \$1 a day. With no centralized sewage system and no water treatment facilities for the general public, half the population lacks access to clean water and more than three-quarters have no access to sanitation. It is estimated that 90% of Haiti's children suffer from waterborne diseases. Even before the earthquake, which claimed an estimated 150,000-200,000 lives, Haiti had the highest infant death rate in the Western Hemisphere.

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Where Are They Now?

By Marianne Moore



1980

Cathy Rinn has a decorative art business, check her out at www.kellybellestudio.com.

Laura Cocezella Griffiths graduated from University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins and has a Masters in School Administration and Supervision. She teaches at Springbrook High School. Laura and her husband Mark have two children, Gwen and William. Gwen '2018 is a kindergartner at SJB.

1981

Beth Rinn teaches Science in Frederick County schools.

Gemma deGuzman lives in Silver Spring and works for the Department of Veteran Affairs.

1983

Maureen Rinn is lives in St. Paul, MN and has two children.

1987

Tricia Rinn lives in Frederick. Her oldest is in kindergarten at Mary of Nazareth in Darnestown.

1990

Alise Karchmer Brzezinski and her husband Doug have a new baby girl, Natalia, born on December 22nd. Congratulations!

1993

Carolyn Creel has been appointed Administrative Commissioner for District Six, Montgomery County by the Chief Judge for Maryland. She's been with the court system for 8 years.

Erica Wornery and a few other SJB classmates Anne Young, Melissa Ulep, Anthony Solazzo and Keeley Conely had a great time reconnecting at Katie Sherman '93 wedding last fall. Congratulations, Katie!

1994

Adam Karchmer and his wife, Denise, are expecting a baby in April.

Doug Lutes is living in Woodbine, Maryland and is a fleet supervisor for Pepco Government Services.

1995

Meghan Mattingly is living in Tanzania, a country located in central east Africa, on a Boren Fellowship. Feel free to read Meghan's blog at: <http://lookoutmountainlookout-sea.blogspot.com/>.

1996

Danny App is working for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and is attending graduate school.

1997

Amanda O'Neal and her husband had a baby girl, Myra, on March 8th.

Austin Burnes is engaged to Cady Loftus. Austin works for House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer (MD) and was recently promoted Floor Assistant.

Laura App is teaching fourth grade in Colorado and her students are learning Ms. Schwab's famous presidents song. She is also coaching an 8th grade lacrosse club team.

1999

Kevin App is an assistant basketball coach at his alma mater Cornell University.

Stephen Salkeld graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a degree in International Relations. He is currently teaching English in Spain. His email address is ssalkel2@jhu.edu.

Pam Krolkowski was married at SJB on August 1st to Alan Harp. Pam works for IBM.

Cathleen O'Neill is teaching middle school English with the DC Teaching Fellows at the Winston Education Center.

2000

Stephanie Osborne is volunteering in Micronesia with the Jesuit Volunteers International. She's teaching biology and chemistry.

2001

Lauren Haley graduated from University of Maryland School of Nursing in May and is a nurse at Holy Cross Hospital.

2002

Sarah App is a senior at the University of Delaware majoring in fashion design.

Theresa Osborne is a senior at LaSalle University in Philadelphia majoring in education. Theresa has spent time volunteering in Haiti.

Kevin Salkeld is a senior at Coastal Carolina. His e-mail is kesalkel@coastal.edu.

John Schiavone is playing Lacrosse for Loyola University in Baltimore. He was named to the All-America Third Team. His faceoff percentage is fourth in NCAA Division I and tops the league in the category.

2004

Dmitri Vassiliou is a sophomore at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown WV. He's majoring in history with an emphasis on the Civil War with a minor in Historic Preservation. He is a regular participant in Civil War Re-enactments. His e-mail is :

pmstitanic191200@yahoo.com.

2005

Haley Crock was awarded St. John's College High School's Citizenship Award at graduation last May.

John White was awarded St. John's College High School's Principal's Award at his graduation.

Lauren Houser graduated from Visitation as a National Merit Commended Scholar and is a freshman at the University of Maryland.

Christine Dalton graduated from Visitation as a National Merit Commended Scholar and is now a freshman at Cornell University.

2006

Emily McCormick has played four years of Volleyball for St. John's College High School. She has racked up more than 500 assists for her career. She

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Alumni Invited to Join in Jubilee Celebration!

By Mary Phillips Quinn

When charged by the Archdiocese to create a new parish in the then rural area of Colesville, Reverend E. Carl Lyon set out on June 1, 1960 to locate the 10 acres designated for St. John the Baptist and to serve the 175 Catholic families in the area. At the very first masses held in a basement chapel on Brantford Road, Sunday June 19, 1960, Fr. Lyon, later to become Monsignor, gave St. John the Baptist parishioners and nearby community members the sense that "there is always a place for you at St. John the Baptist." Along with the building of the church structures, there was a significant spiritual community building taking place recalls current Pastor Monsignor Francis Kazista who served as Monsignor Lyon's Associate Pastor from 1976 to 1981, and then returned in 1987 to become SJB's second and current Pastor.

Today, Saint John the Baptist Church, rectory and school sits behind many of the original trees Fr. Lyon discovered in 1960. Intentionally preserved, the trees are a buffer to the nonstop traffic on now four lane New Hampshire Avenue. SJB has grown to ministering to over 6,000 parishioners from 1800 households representing 50 nations of origin. SJB has become a spiritual hub with spokes that voluntarily

reach a wide circle - up and down New Hampshire Avenue, from Hillandale to Olney and includes many neighborhoods off Route 29 from White Oak to Fulton.

Some longtime parishioners noted that one can find a place at SJB because it has always welcomed diverse worship styles by providing Masses that meet many spiritual needs such as 7:30 a.m. quiet morning mass, the more traditional 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. choir masses in the main church, the 10:30 Hall Folk Mass, 6:00 p.m. Sunday Teen Band Mass, the 1:30 p.m. Bangladesh Mass and monthly Indonesian Mass. Another parishioner shared the perspective- "If you make an effort to get involved in ministry, outreach or project - you will find a place at SJB where individual communities begin to form into one." This is demonstrated by the variety of ways SJB serves others. Examples of thriving ministries include Liturgical Ministries, Religious Education, Adult Faith Formation, Social Concerns, the Parish School, Athletic Ministry, Knights of Columbus sponsored Community Sunday and Breakfasts, Leisure Club, Youth Ministry and Eco-Ministry, and Stephen Ministry. Many parishioners have commented that another theme is also a hallmark of the parish. Evident since the first Community Sunday of

coffee and donuts shared with their pastor in the Brantford rectory living room -has been recognition of *lay leaderships'* contribution in carrying out the mission of SJB.

Marianne Moore, principal of the parish school for 18 years, concurs, "It is the community of parishioners working with staff and clergy that have contributed to the lasting spirit of the parish and our school." Since the start of the parish school in 1962, parents and alumni have contributed considerable time, talent and treasure to help nurture student development and support faculty.

The Jubilee Celebration is Sunday, June 20, 2010 at 12:30 Mass, followed by festivities and recognition events in the afternoon. All parishioners, current and former, and alumni are encouraged to attend. Please call the parish office if you attended Mass at St. John's in the 1960s at 301-622-1122. In addition, the anniversary committee is looking for pictures for slide show and an historic book. Please submit electronic files to SJBgoldenjubilee@gmail.com or leave hard copies at the parish office with return address and contact information.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ORDER YOUR COMMEMORATIVE GOLDEN JUBILEE
CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS AND STORIES FOR OUR
ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND SLIDESHOW

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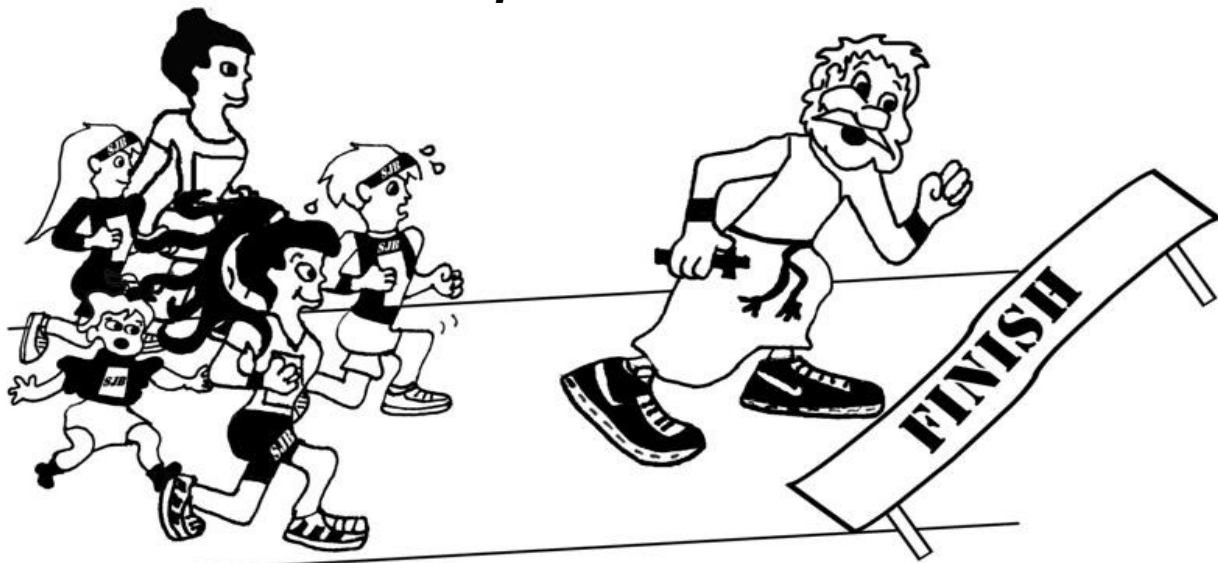
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**May 1, 2010
8:00 AM**

Calling all Alumni
St. John the Bigger 5k

*The SJB Graduation class with the
highest class participation will be
placed on the "SJB Wall of Fame"*



Register at WWW.SJBSilverSpring.org/5k

Plus a One Mile Fun Run/Walk

This counts toward class participation

**Saturday, May 1, 2010
8:00 AM**

**St. John the Baptist School
12319 New Hampshire Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20904**

- A Montgomery County Road Runners chip timed run
- USATF Certified Course
- Cash and Prizes awarded by age



New Technology Transforms SJB Classrooms

by Liz Richardson

With (educational) video games in the classroom and internet on the (SMART) board, 2010 finds St. John the Baptist Catholic School zooming into the digital age. Technology titans and SJB teachers, Mr. Martin Lucey, Mrs. Anne Irwin and Mr. George Ellis have transformed the classrooms at St. John's into multi-media enclaves where children are excited to learn with the help of video and internet.

In addition to 35 new laptops, the school now has 4 SMART Boards, one each in grades 5-8, that are leaving old fashion chalkboards in the dust. What exactly is a SMART Board? It is an interactive white-board (think of a 64" flat screen) that operates as part of a system which includes the SMART Board, a computer, a projector and SMART Board software. Computer websites are projected onto the SMART Board and can be manipulated with the touch of a finger making the classroom an interactive and exciting experience.



"The projector and my personal computer are used for almost every class" says middle school social studies teacher Anne Irwin. "I use it to show videos from Discovery Education Streaming, PowerPoint presentations, and the SMART Board. The students love using the laptops and are energized when they see we are going to be working on them." But, as with all technology, it is *how* it is used that makes all the difference. "When projectors were permanently installed in my classroom, my use of technology *exploded* because it was so much easier" says Mrs. Irwin. In fact, SMART Technologies reports that when successfully integrated, interactive white-

boards have been shown to help teachers reduce planning and prep time, personalize learning and lower anxiety.

Math teacher and Webmaster Martin Lucey reports "When Anne Irwin and I started here in 2003, the school had one SMART Board that could be wheeled from classroom to classroom. We began to experiment with it more and more and saw a great reaction from the students". In December 2007, Anne Irwin went to a workshop to learn more about the SMART Board, and shortly after started using it almost daily in her classroom. Mrs. Irwin is currently working on her Masters Degree in Instructional Media through Wilkes University where she has learned about many great resources to use in the classroom. Along with Mr. Ellis and Mr. Lucey, she has been able to share more resources and a greater understanding of this useful technology with St. John the Baptist teachers.

So, do SMART Boards really make kids smarter? In June 2009, SMART Technologies, the creator of the SMART Board announced that educators are reporting a major increase in student participation following the installation of SMART products in their classrooms. They have discovered that their students are more engaged by the interactive delivery of lessons and enjoy the learning process more. Teachers have also noticed increased enthusiasm among their students. Anne Irwin agrees. "In sixth grade, we used a simulation program called Virtual History Ancient Egypt by Knowledge Matters. It allowed the students to create and manage their own settlements along the Nile River. The students were incredibly enthusiastic when working through the simulation and they learned a lot about Egypt. I liked using the program because it had a good mix of critical thinking skills and reading comprehension." A survey of SJB sixth graders shows this was one of the most enjoyable and memorable lesson plans of the year.

Asked whether there are any drawbacks to the use of new technology in the classroom, SJB computer teacher George Ellis reports "One of the drawbacks to new

technology relates to time. Teachers have busy schedules and sometimes do not have time to explore the various ways to use their new classroom technology". Fortunately, SJB has conducted teacher training sessions and provides time for the educators to learn new techniques to keep little eyes looking forward. Mr. Ellis states "My favorite programs are Pixie, Frames and WebBlender. Pixie is a painting program that allows students as young as kindergarten to create digital stories and second graders used it to create digital stories about the new Butterfly Garden outside the Lyon Center. Seventh grade students are using Frames to create comic videos about cyber safety and the sixth graders are using it to create biographical videos for their Arts and Academic projects." It is the wise use of this technology that is helping the teachers and students of SJB reach their fullest potential while enjoying the lessons along the way.

I HEAR AND I FORGET

I SEE AND I REMEMBER

I DO AND I UNDERSTAND

Ancient Chinese Proverb

In addition to new computers, programs and SMART Boards, SJB has seen a huge leap in the development of the Parish and School websites. Martin Lucey (SJB '92) dedicates much of his time at St. John the Baptist to the design and implementation of these user-friendly sites. He taught himself web design in college at Penn State where he majored in electrical engineering. After graduating in 2001, Martin worked for a defense contractor that gave him the ability to do some web design. "Although, as quickly as technology changes, most of the current web site development I taught myself again from 2005 to 2007." Since Spring 2009, the school website has been constantly improved. Mr. Lucey also updated the Parish website which went live Feb 1, 2010.

Please go to www.sjbsilverspring.org for a view. We think you'll be amazed at just how far and how fast we have come.

SJB 2008-2009 Class List: Where We Are Now

By Marianne Moore

Home Room Teachers: Mrs. Erin Tervo & Mr. Martin Lucey

Morgan Bailey — Blake High School
 Beth Anne Bridgeman — St. John's College High School
 David Clifford — Good Counsel
 Erik Dekelbaum — Gonzaga
 Claire Dolson — Georgetown Visitation
 Michal Errigo — Good Counsel
 Jackie Ezeani — Holy Cross
 Matthew Flynn — Gonzaga
 Griffin Hall — Gonzaga
 Kristen Houser — Georgetown Visitation
 Michael Kiely — Good Counsel
 Mackenzie Lanciano — Good Counsel
 Cristina McCarthy — Holy Cross
 Courtney McCartin — Good Counsel
 Sandy Meristil — Elizabeth Seton

Nadia Olaciregui — Holy Cross
 Zoe Ottiviani — Georgetown Visitation
 Madeline Pifer — Northwood High School
 Yonas Rosario — Good Counsel
 Kaitlyn Schmidt — Good Counsel
 Olivia Shull — Elizabeth Seton
 Matthew Spicer — Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes, DE
 Becca Stanislav — Good Counsel
 Andrew Stutzman — Good Counsel
 Meghan Thompson — Good Counsel
 Khoi Vu — Good Counsel
 Tiana Walker — Georgetown Day School
 Caroline Wannan — Blake High School
 Amanda Welsh — Good Counsel
 Samantha Wilson — Good Counsel
 Andrew Wink — Good Counsel

SJB Scholarship Program and You!

By Marianne Moore and Kathy Young

Do these words sound familiar to you?

- “SJB provided me with a strong academic foundation which helped me throughout the rest of my academic career.”
- “From the teachers to Ms. Moore to the other school families, I always felt like someone cared about me and how I was doing.”
- “My identity as a Catholic was shaped in large part by experience at SJB.”

These are some of the statements we hear from SJB alumni on a regular basis. Our alumni report that SJB provided them with

an excellent education, a strong foundation in their faith, and the care and support of the entire SJB community.

We want to offer our current school families the same foundation that was given to our alumni. While we try to keep our school affordable, some families have encountered situations that make meeting tuition payments beyond their reach. It may be because of the economic downturn or personal events in their family.

This is where you can help our current school families! Please consider donating to the SJB scholarship fund. Our current students enjoy some of the wonderful ex-

periences and opportunities you experienced yourself as an SJB student. However, within the last year, we have noticed a regular increase in need for tuition assistance. With generous donations, SJB has been able to award up to \$12,000 each year in scholarship money. The assistance from the SJB scholarship fund has been a tremendous source of relief and comfort to those in need.

More help is still needed. Please consider donating to the General Scholarship Fund, or the Mrs. Spalding or Monsignor Lyon Scholarship Funds. All donations are tax deductible and truly appreciated by our current school families.

You Can Make A Difference

General Scholarship Fund

- Contributions to this fund are used to help meet the financial needs of school families.
- Awards are made based on certified need.

Endowed Scholarship Funds

- The Msgr. Lyon Memorial Scholarship Fund
- The Peggy Spalding Memorial Scholarship Fund
- The Bob Combs Memorial Scholarship Fund

Student/Family Sponsorship

- Monies are used to directly assist a specified student or family in covering tuition costs.
- These donations may be made anonymously.

SJB 2004-2005 Class List: Where We Are Now

By Marianne Moore

Danny Baldwin – University of Maryland
 Jack Bolesta – Radford University
 Stephen Bottalico – West Virginia University
 Kathleen Carney – University of Maryland
 Christie Costello – Marymount University
 Haley Crock – University of Maryland
 Christine Dalton – Cornell University
 Claire DeMarco – William and Mary University
 Kyle Fives – University of Maryland
 Brandon Kaplan – Lycoming College
 Timmy Flynn – University of Scranton
 Kevin Fogleman – Kings College
 Joseph Fortunak – Coastal Carolina
 Paul Graves – Kings College
 Kathleen Harris – Montana State University
 Scott Hoffman – University of Maryland

Lauren Houser – University of Maryland
 Connor Hughes – University of Delaware
 Peggy Hughes – Towson University
 Zachary Lanciano – Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising
 Monique Lynch – Montgomery College
 Katie Meates – Washington College
 Collin Schmucker – Philadelphia University
 Mary Kate Simmons – Montgomery College
 Diana Smith – University of Maryland
 Casey Stodter – Loyola University
 Carly Sullivan – East Carolina University
 Alyssa Thomas – Towson University
 Kelly Tracy – University of Dayton
 Megan Walsh – Towson University
 Haley Wessel – Towson University
 John White – Campbell University

CYO High School Basketball

By Dan Errigo

The winter months are an exciting time around St. John the Baptist. Winter means the basketball season is upon us. Anyone familiar with SJB sports knows basketball is a big deal around here. SJB has a long history of having very competitive and, yes, successful basketball teams. What might not be as well known, however, is that the teams do not stop at the eighth grade level. Each year SJB offers high school aged alumni a chance to relive their “glory days” on the court in the form of high school teams. The “alumni” program consists of four teams — Intermediate (ninth and tenth grades) boys and girls and Senior (eleventh and twelfth grades) boys and girls.

The CYO program benefits our children in a number of ways. First, it gives them a chance to stay connected with former classmates and, because the teams are open to all high school aged parishioners, a chance to make new friends.

Second, it offers a great alternative to the more demanding high school home teams.

The kids get to experience high-school level competition without the time commitment that can come with playing for a high school team.

Finally, it offers a healthy alternative to a teenager’s favorite pastime in the winter lying in front of the TV/video game.

The benefits of the program aren’t only for the kids. We parents and fans who have grown accustomed to spending hours in gyms on week-ends watching our kids compete, can look forward to putting off those



household chores for four more years.

The success of this program depends heavily on the dedicated men and women who have volunteered to coach these teams over the years. Those brave volunteers face off against a group of high schoolers on a weekly basis. The problem they face is simply, how to teach basketball to a group that thinks they know everything about the sport. One current coach describes his role as “more chaperone than coach”.

SJB is currently suiting up three teams: a Senior girls team coached by Kevin Looney, an Intermediate boys team coached by Michael Hunt and a Senior boys team coached by Joe Rioux. All three teams, as of this writing, are having winning seasons. More importantly, all three coaches want to let everyone know the values the players learned at SJB—sportsmanship, respect for others and teamwork—have stayed with them in high school. This is something we as a community should be proud of.

Superior Band, Superior Teacher

By Kathy Young

"She is a great teacher. She always made everything fun," are Nate Mostopalo's thoughts about SJB band teacher Jennifer Tifford. Ian Combs also remembers Mrs. Tifford as someone who was easy to talk to and fun. From the consistent "superior" ratings at the Archdiocesan band festivals to the large number of SJB students who participate in SJB band, it's clear their comments are true.

How did Mrs. Tifford become such a successful band teacher? Mrs. Tifford was once a former band student just like the SJB students she teaches. We have all seen Mrs. Tifford play her trumpet in some concerts, but her first instrument was the saxophone. "My dad was a saxophone player and he encouraged me to give it a try," says Mrs. Tifford. She loved band because she, just like Nate and Ian, had a wonderful band teacher early on.

After playing saxophone for a couple of years, she switched to the oboe and kept playing. In high school she played percussion in her high school's nationally ranked marching band. She also continued to play in her school's concert band. She later went to Catholic University to earn her degree in Instrumental Music Education.

She has had a wide range of experiences with her music. They have included numer-

ous competitions, concerts at the Kennedy Center, and playing for the Pope in Rome. While she has had such wonderful and diverse experiences, she remembers most fondly playing with her church's music ministry. "Of all my experiences," she says, "it made me a stronger player and helped me focus more."

Mrs. Tifford has taught in the Archdiocese of Washington since 1993. Between the summer band program and her years of experience, she has managed to teach at all the schools in the Archdiocese.



She credits Ms. Moore as a major reason the band program is so successful saying, "Ms. Moore has always been a supporter of the band program." She also notes that the cooperation of the faculty help make band something that everyone can do. Mrs. Tifford said that she enjoys teaching the students at SJB because so many kids find a way to participate in band in addition to the other activities. It is hard for anyone (Ms. Moore, faculty, students, and parents) not to feel excited about being part of such a

successful program.

For alumni like Nate, Ian, and Haley Crock, SJB band provides a strong foundation for high school and beyond. Nate played tenor saxophone in Georgetown Prep's Concert Band up until this year. He continues to play violin in the school's String Ensemble. Ian plays bass clarinet in Gonzaga's Wind Ensemble, Liturgical Ensemble, and Clarinet Choir. He plays guitar in the school's Jazz Band. Haley was involved in music throughout her years at St. Johns College High School. She participated in Wind Ensemble, Woodwind Ensemble, ROTC Marching Band, A cappella Choir, and Chorus. This year, she participated in University of Maryland's marching band. Mrs. Tifford says that area Catholic and public high schools provide wonderful opportunities for SJB alumni to pursue their interest in band and in music.

When Mrs. Tifford isn't teaching band, she is very busy at home. Her husband, who she met at Catholic University, is a professional cellist. She has three children ages 11 months, 4, and 7. When Mrs. Tifford began conducting bands, her father would sometimes be in the audience for various band concerts to offer his support. Since her children have such musical parents, perhaps she will be watching one of her children play in band or conduct a band one day.

2009-2010 CYO Basketball Results

By Dan Errigo

3-4 Boys Rookie

Coaches: Tom Gardner, Derek Cunningham, Ted Davis, and Greg Fitzpatrick

Coaches Comments: Although our team was younger than most of the teams we faced, the boys did a great job representing SJB.

3-4 Boys Rookie

Coaches: Jeff Gottshall and Tim Reed

3-4 Boys Rookie

Coaches: Jim Iannone, Brian Cygnarowicz and Dave Depasquale

Coaches Comments: The boys had fun, learned a lot of basketball and displayed good sportsmanship throughout the season.

5-6 Boys JV Non-Tournament

Coaches: John and Jack Flynn

5-6 Boys JV Non-Tournament

Coaches: Keith Wallace and Tom Egan

Coaches Comments: The boys had a great season learning the sport and having fun.

5-6 Boys JV Tournament (Mid -Atlantic)

Coaches: Mike Landi and Brendan Kneeland

Coaches Comments: The boys ended the season with 14 wins that included winning the championship by beating St. Bart's in consecutive weeks by scores of 29-26 and 30-28.

7-8 Boys Varsity Tournament

Coaches: Mark Young and Jim Long

Coaches Comments: The team came together and gave their maximum effort. Coaches from other teams and referees commented on their sportsmanship after both wins and losses.

7-8 Boys Varsity Mid Atlantic

Coaches: Wayne Smith, Erik Hawkes, and Rich Eaton

Coaches Comments: The boys finished the season with nine overall wins including a District regular season record of 5-1, which was good for a three-way tie for first place. The team lost a tough game in the District tournament semi-finals to the eventual District champion and won the consolation game to finish in third. The team also won

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SJB Gives Back-Helping in Haiti (cont'd)

After his yearlong undertaking, Kevin returned to Maryland in August, 2009 but his mind was still on Haiti. Just three days before the horrific earthquake of January 12, 2010, he flew into Port-au-Prince for a mission with Uplift Haiti, a charity he is a board member of, aimed at organizing volunteers who work directly with local communities to accomplish sustainable projects through education. He traveled to Beraud, Haiti to teach a class in food safety to Haitian women enrolled in the program at L'Ecole Cuisiniere de Beraud, a culinary school operated by the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi. The mission was finished the day after the devastating earthquake.

Anxious to help, Kevin contacted Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and International Action. Within days, he was back in Port-au-Prince working with CRS on water treatment due to the destruction of many of the wells and few existing water sources. Soon after, he became Program Manager where he is in charge of coordinating the enormous deliveries of food and medical supplies being contributed to the ravaged country. He is still there now, overseeing all aspects of the supply chain, working 12 hour days from sunup to sundown.

When asked how SJB families may help, Kevin said donations to Catholic Relief Services or other qualified agencies such as International Action or Save the Children are needed. He stays positive that things are "progressing and getting done. I am committed to the people of Haiti, to reinforcing their human dignity and rebuilding their crumbled country." Surely, measures of giving back and other selfless acts such as Kevin's are helping diminish the sorrows of the world.

SJB Alumni - How Are You Giving Back?

Let us hear from you about your accomplishments and how you have given back to your community. Drop a few words in the mail to: Marianne Moore, Principal, SJB Parish School, 12319 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904, or simply send an e-mail to sjbssprincipal@yahoo.com.

SJB Presents



May 7th, 7:30pm

2009-2010 CYO Basketball Results (cont.)

By Dan Errigo

two games in the Georgetown Prep tournament, a first for this group.

Overall, it was a very fun and productive season. They team worked well together, played and practiced hard and improved throughout. The coaches had a great time working with the kids.



9-10 Boys Intermediate Mid Atlantic

Coaches: Michael Hunt and Mike Baugher

Coaches Comments: The team went 5-1 in the regular season and made it to the championship game only to lose by 3

points. The team showed great determination and spirit.

11-12 Boys Senior Mid-Atlantic

Coaches: Joe Rioux and Marty Alexa

Coaches Comments: The boys had a winning season making it to the semi-final game of the playoffs.

3-4 Girls Rookie

Coaches: Dennis McCarthy and Brian Cygnarowicz

5-6 Girls Non-Tournament

Coaches: Rachel Spangenberg and Dan Errigo

Coaches Comments: The girls gave maximum effort every game and steadily improved throughout the season.

5-6 Girls JV Tournament

Coaches: Scott McKenzie and Greg Fitzpatrick and Greg Case

Coaches Comments: The girls were a pleasure to coach. They displayed dedication, determination and a competitive spirit throughout the season.

7-8 Girls Varsity Tournament

Coach: Bill Milloy

9-12 Girls Senior Mid-Atlantic

Coaches: Kevin Looney and John Flynn

Tell Us About Yourself - Welcome Back!

By Sheila Maloney

Laura Cocozzella Griffiths

Welcome back to SJB Laura Cocozzella Griffiths, this time as a kindergarten mom. Laura and her husband, Mark Griffiths have a daughter, Gwendolyn, and a future SJB'er, 22 month old William.

Laura has been teaching English, and says she was inspired by her 7th and 8th grade science teacher, Mrs. Jean Cushing, to become a classroom teacher herself.

Last year, Laura's class, SJB '80, had their reunion, which brought back great memories. Her former classmates shared an interesting view of the past: high school flew by like a blur, but SJB memories remain vivid today, 30 years later.

As an SJB mom, Laura enjoys returning to her roots. She is amazed at the level of parental involvement at SJB and is happy that she is a part of it.

Jacqueline Bentz Dugroo

Jackie Bentz Dugroo, SJB '78 has returned to St. John's as a kindergarten mom with her 5 year old, Joanna. Katherine, 20 months old, will enter SJB kindergarten in 2013.

Jackie marvels at the changes at SJB since she graduated: a kindergarten, uniforms, new parish offices and classrooms, and art

and music classes. Jackie is thrilled that Joanna is learning to read music in kindergarten.

As a new SJB mom, Jackie is already immersed in volunteer activities, doing lunch duty and leading the Daisy Troop. "I'm looking forward to 12 more years at SJB," she said. "It's great to be back."

We want to hear from you! Complete and return the form below to Marianne Moore, Principal, SJB Parish School, 12319 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904.

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Where Are They Now? (cont'd)

received a WCAC Honorable Mention.

2007

Peter Vassiliou is a junior at Pallotti and is a member of the National Honors Society. Peter participated in the Towson Junior Senior Honors Band and the Lion's Club Honors Band playing the tenor and baritone saxophone.

Kyle Graves broke the Good Counsel school record for 5k

cross country with his 15:59 finish. Good Counsel rates Kyle as one of the greatest individual runners in the school's history.

Denny McCarthy was featured in the September 2009 issue of Golfstyles Magazine following a very successful summer on the links.

Jenny McCosby traveled to New Zealand and Australia last summer with the People to People program. Jenny is a junior at Good Counsel.

2008

Beth Kerley received the St John's College High School Heart Award for her performance on the Field Hockey Team.

Rachel DaBay plays Field Hockey for St. John's College High School and this year received a WCAC Honorable Mention.

Monika Spangenberg is a sophomore at St John's College High School where she is on the

swim team. Her email is dexierocks@comcast.net.

2009

Andrew Stutzman is a freshman at Good Counsel and a member of the hockey team.

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