

## Principal's Newsletter

June 30, 2015

**"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."**

**Dr. Leo Buscaglia**

Our Graduation took place on Saturday, June 6, at St. John's University. What a great day for Catholic Education: 658 young men and women graduating from the largest Private Catholic high school in America! Earning over \$134 million in scholarships our graduates are indeed some of the finest students in America. We are very proud of their accomplishments and the fine people they have become. I commend their teachers, parents, and guardians for their outstanding mentoring, patience, and guidance over the past four years.

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

Mr. McLaughlin



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### **From the desk of Mr. Castellano:**

#### **SUMMER REGENTS EXAMS**

Regents exams will be offered at St. Francis Prep this Summer on Wednesday, August 12, and Thursday, August 13. Students who are enrolled in Summer School will automatically be registered for an exam that is associated with their Summer School course. Students who are not enrolled in Summer School and who did not pass a Regents exam may register to take a Regents exam in August. (Students who passed the Regents exam may not take the exam again in order to raise their grade.) Students must come to school on **Monday, July 6, or Tuesday, July 7**, to register for a Regents exam. Go to the Summer School office in E101 between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on either day. The fee to register for an exam is \$35 per exam. Please be sure to get a review book and prepare well for any exam you plan to take. Do your best.

### Campus Ministry:

On Sunday, May 31, 2015, at Holy Family Parish in Flushing, Bishop Paul Sanchez conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on eight members of our St. Francis Prep family. They were part of a group of students from 4 other Catholic High Schools in Queens who were prepared by Fr. Bill Sweeney, Mr. Bill Leone, and Ms. Susan Vivona of our Religion Department. We congratulate the following students:

ARIANNA DIGIULI  
NICHOLAS HASBUN  
KAYLEE MOLINARI  
FRANCESCO PURIFICATO  
TRISTAN RODRIGUEZ  
LIANNE SANG  
JESSICA YODICE  
MARY ZOUVELOS



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This Sacrament program will continue in the new school year. We encourage anyone who is missing any of their sacraments or is interested in becoming a Catholic to get in touch with Fr Bill (718-423-8810 x248) for further information.

Installation of our new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. On Tuesday, June 16th, twelve of our soon-to-be Seniors were installed as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion here at Prep. The installation ceremony took place in our Chapel.



The students were surrounded by family, friends, some pastors, parish support staff, Br. Leonard Conway, Gerilyn Conway, Bro. James McVeigh, and Br. Joseph Bach. Fr. Bill Sweeney celebrated Mass and prayed with and for these young men and women as they prepared to begin service to their parishes and St. Francis Prep.

After the Liturgy, the group moved to the Library for refreshments and the opportunity to continue our celebration.

Congratulations to our newest Extraordinary Ministers of Communion!

Joseph Barbieri – Michael Croak – Marianna Hanczyk – Angela Hartnett – Daniel Marchese - Samantha McNamara - William O'Brien – Francesca Oddo – Kamil Prazkowicz – Theresa Shields - Sarah Starace – Lauren Talty.

We would like to offer our thanks to 4 of our Extraordinary Ministers who recently graduated – Nicole DelVecchio, Victoria Pascullo, Karen Pennachio, and Clinton Ikioda – who joined us for the Mass and Installation. These exceptional young people acted as ministers of hospitality and did so many other things to make sure the installation went smoothly. Their generosity helped to make the celebration even more special.

Campus Ministry is happy to report a successful used School Supply and Uniform Drive. Over 40 boxes of usable school supplies were collected and donated to local organizations for distribution to those in need. In addition to the school supplies, used uniforms were collected and have been for sale for five dollars per item. All proceeds benefit Campus Ministry programs. Uniforms will be for sale on July 8th and July 16th in W-107.





**Terrier Cup:**

The Physical Education sponsored the annual Terrier Cup Lacrosse Championships for Sophomores on Thursday, June 4th.



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### Science Research Symposium:



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### Faculty:

On Monday, June 15th, Ms. Nicole May from our Science Department was recognized at our last faculty meeting of the year with our annual "***Recognition For Educational Excellence***" award. In the words of Mr. Castellano, "She is noted for her tireless dedication in and out of the classroom...most generous with her time, helping students, department colleagues, or other members of the faculty." Congratulations Ms. May!

### Athletics:

Congratulations to the Boy's Basketball Program on taking home the Championship at the Hofstra Team Twilight Camp.

### College Office:

We have 220 (and counting) rising seniors registered for summer college symposium. Those students will complete the common app and common app essay, create a working college list, and do a career assessment using the latest tools. We have the Macaulay essay prompts available as well as the Sophie Davis prompts and application. Students will create a CUNY login account and familiarize themselves with the CUNY and SUNY process. They will be ready with the onsite application as well. They will come back in September ready to rock!!!

### Recognition:

On Friday, June 12th, The Music and Art Departments both received grants awarded by the Josephine Foundation. Robert Johnston, Jeanne Buccino, and Fr. Bill Sweeney attended the annual "Follow Your Dreams" gala at Crest Hollow to receive the grants.





### **Project Adventure:**

Mrs. Cappiello and Mr. Colucci, two of our Project Adventure teachers, took a group of graduating seniors (Vincenzo Cannova, Elisa Castelli, James Cotumaccio, James DellaRocca, Nicole DelVecchio, Chris Demarinis, Valerie Loayza, Ashley McGovern, Aimee Miller, Victoria Pascullo, Rebecca Popowich, Jennifer Savery, Ceanna Todisco, and Kristen Yost) to Alley Pond Adventure Course on June 17. Alley Pond provided activities that challenged our students' problem solving abilities through low and high elements. The group demonstrated teamwork, effective communication, and leadership skills while completing each challenge. All involved found this experience to be worthwhile and unforgettable. The seniors were delighted to be given one last opportunity to get together before moving on to college.

