

**Principal's Newsletter**

**June 30, 2014**

***"Four things come not back: the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life, and the neglected opportunity"***

***Proverb***

Today we close the 2014-15 school year but remember the valuable lessons learned both in the classroom and out. We look back to our graduation on June 7th in Lou Carnsecca Arena at St. John's University in which 652 of our seniors joined the ranks of SFP Alumni! It was an outstanding collection of young people who amassed over \$98 million in college scholarships and grants. We are very proud of all their accomplishments and wish them all the best. We are better as a society as these Franciscans enter college and become productive members of our community.

As I reflect on this school year, I stand impressed with the great work of our students and faculty. Their dedication to become the best people they can be over their time here sets the standard for future generations. Have a great summer!

Mr. McLaughlin

**A Statement from Timothy Cardinal Dolan  
and the Bishops of New York State**

***Calling on Governor Cuomo and Leaders in Albany: Don't Let Us Down***

More than 200 Catholic schools have closed in the last 15 years throughout New York State, as families and parishes, who strongly believe in the value of Catholic education, struggle to keep up with increasing costs. Many of our public schools also desperately need help.

To address these needs, the NYS Catholic Bishops joined a broad coalition of faith groups, community organizations and labor unions backing legislation called the **Education Investment Tax Credit**. The measure would encourage increased charitable donations to generate more private scholarships as well as additional resources to public schools. It also helps all teachers provide needed materials and supplies for every classroom in New York.

The vast majority of legislators support the bill. Why? It's because the legislation will help all children, regardless of where they go to school. It's a win-win for all families!

Although Governor Cuomo assured us he would fight to include the proposal in the state budget, in the end, we were left out.

As the legislative session ends in Albany this coming week, we pray that Governor Cuomo won't let us down. We ask that you join us in that prayer. Pray that Governor Cuomo will put children ahead of politics and fight for the Education Investment Tax Credit.

We also ask that you contact him immediately with that same message. You can send a message to the Governor through the website of the New York State Catholic Conference: [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org). Time is short. Please act today. God bless you.

**Congratulations to all of our Champions this year:**

Gymnastics 2013 League Champions

Handball 2014 City Champions

Boys Soccer 2013 City Champions

Softball 2014 Brooklyn/Queens Champions

Girls Tennis 2013 City & State Champions

Girls Volleyball 2013 City & State Champions



Additional Congratulations to the members of the Varsity Softball team who received special awards:

**KELLY LICUL**

St. Francis Prep, Jr. C

The Terriers catcher ended the regular season with a flourish and carried it over to the playoffs with two hits, including a home run to beat top seed Fontbonne Hall in the semifinals. Licul hit .426 for the season with 9 RBIs and 17 runs scored.

**BRIANA EMANUELE**

St. Francis Prep, Sr. CF

The Terriers centerfielder patrolled the outfield by playing excellent defense and had a .393 batting average with 20 runs scored for the CHSAA Brooklyn-Queens champions.

**SECOND TEAM**

MONICA ZHIVANAJ, So., P

**COACH OF THE YEAR**

ANN MARIE RICH

St. Francis Prep

After encountering some heartbreak in the last five seasons, Rich molded a young team into a contender in the competitive CHSAA Brooklyn-Queens division by the end of the season. The Terriers received clutch hits from Alyssa Seiss and Kelly Licul in defeating 2013 champions Fontbonne Hall in the semifinals and swept Mary Louis Academy in the best of three series to take home the Class AA diocesan championship.

- See more at: <http://www.msgvarsity.com/2014-all-new-york-city-softball-team-1.1620268#sthash.50XNN7IL.dpuf>



The Terrier Cup:  
Great participation by the Sophomore class in the 2014 Terrier Cup!



Summer Hoops:  
Our basketball program recently won the championship at the Fordham Team Twilight Camp. We went 8-0 over 4 days.

Recognition:  
Congratulations to Valerie Loayza, Junior, on being selected as an award recipient in the Police Athletic League Police Commissioner for a Day essay contest.

The following student was named to the Dean's List at the University of New Haven for the spring 2014 semester. Full-time undergraduate students must have a 3.50 or better cumulative GPA for the semester to be eligible for the Dean's List.

**Maria Panepinto**

School: University of New Haven  
Major: Forensic Science  
Class: 2017  
Hometown: Bayside, NY

Hofstra University congratulates the students named to the Spring 2014 Dean's List for their outstanding academic achievement. Students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 during the semester to make the Dean's List.

**Ariana Drauch**

School: Hofstra University  
Major: Exercise Science  
Class: 2016  
Hometown: Flushing, NY

**Anthony Ramdhani**

School: Hofstra University  
Major: Undecided-Business  
Class: 2017  
Hometown: South Ozone Park, NY

**Christopher Tenorio**

School: Hofstra University  
Major: Biology and Philosophy  
Class: 2015  
Hometown: Uniondale, NY

**Kevin Fernandes**

School: Hofstra University  
Major: Health Science  
Class: 2016  
Hometown: Fresh Meadows, NY

Students were recently recognized for their outstanding achievement at SUNY Canton during the spring 2014 semester. "The college's Provost, deans, faculty members and I take great pride in your fantastic work ethic," said SUNY Canton Acting President Joseph C. Hoffman. "We are certain that your enthusiasm for learning will serve you well in your future professional careers."

**Erik Zengen**

School: SUNY Canton  
Major: Finance  
Hometown: Potsdam, NY



Students working at the school supply collection with Dr. Sullivan and Mr. Sempowich.



Tashila Peter, senior, received her Girl scout Gold Award Tuesday June 10, 2014 in Nassau County. Her project was "Wireless Weekdays". She taught kids at aftercare at Our Lady of the Snows how they can go without any electronic gadget and still have fun.



Confirmation program of Prep students who were confirmed on June 1st in a beautiful ceremony!