

September 30, 2014  
Principal's Newsletter

**"If you want to accomplish something, you must first expect it from yourself."  
Wayne Dyer**

It has been a busy and good start to the 2014-15 school year! During the week of September 2nd we were preparing for the opening of school with meetings, assemblies, and last minute details. Our Back To School Night was successful and gave parents a small glimpse of their child's schedule and interaction with teachers. Our Guidance Department reported a standing room only crowd at the College Fair on September 16th. The Mass of the Holy Spirit was celebrated for all levels on various days throughout September.

On September 26th we completed our 4th Annual Walk-a-thon which is our primary fundraiser for the year. The money collected is used to finance the modernization of our building. Such projects include school infrastructure, Art Center, Fitness Center and State-of-the-Art Science Labs. We plan to break ground on a new Music Education area in 2015. After the Walk-a-thon we held our Senior Barbeque for the second year! Good times!



In our opening assemblies, we have encouraged all of the students to be prepared every day, focus on academics, adhere by the school Honor Code and be Instruments of Peace!

All the Best for a successful year!

Mr. McLaughlin

## Updates for September:

### The Senior Panelist at our 2nd Annual Parent University:



Avery Araya, Elissa Castelli, Brooke Chai, James Cotumaccio, Kristin Cournane, Brittany Zaita  
Great Job!

### Campus Ministry:

SFP is being honored by the Propagation of the Faith of the Brooklyn Diocese for our work with St Francis in Kenya. We will be attending the 10:30 Mass at St James Cathedral on Sunday Oct 19th. "We are very excited about the technology changes we are implementing this year!"

### Technology:

Every student received his/her own email account. In addition, we have established one Guardian email account for each student's Guardian/Parent.

- IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU LOG INTO THIS GUARDIAN ACCOUNT, AS REPORT CARDS, SCHOOL NEWS, AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION WILL BE SENT THERE!

To login to the Guardian email account:

- Go to <https://mail.google.com/>
- The ID is g-studentfirstname.studentlastname@stfrancisprep.org
- The password is PWD and your student's 7 digit student number.
- You will be prompted to immediately reset your password; PLEASE REMEMBER THE PASSWORD YOU SET.
- If you have any problems using your Prep-issued email account, use your personal email account and send an email to: [email.questions@stfrancisprep.org](mailto:email.questions@stfrancisprep.org)
- Please describe the nature of the problem you are having and remember to include the student's name and student number."

There are numerous ways in which our students utilize technology for learning, over a wide range of devices, services, and apps. Part of our mission is to assist them in developing as responsible

technology consumers. To that end, every student and parent/guardian must read and be familiar with the the Technology Acceptable Use Policy, which is posted at the Prep's website (You can find it under "1:1 iPad Program").

**Award:**

The 2014 San Fran yearbook has won a second place award in the American Scholastic Press Association's annual yearbook completion. It's the first time the San Fran Yearbook has won.



### Dance Team:

Ms. Mejia and members of the SFP Dance Team participated in National Dance Day in Lincoln Center. Dancers Twitch , Allison, and Alex from the television show "So You Think You Can Dance" hosted the event.



The Alvernian Drama Society and members of the SFP Dance Team attended a week long customized theatre and dance intensive in London this past summer. The students participated in a private group acting workshop and lecture in the Globe Theatre, a backstage tour of the National Theatre, dance classes in London's west end at Pineapple Dance Studios, attended the Drama "39 Steps", the Musical "Wicked" in Covent Gardens and "Twelfth Night " in Regents' Park open air theatre. The students experienced the famous Buckingham Palace, Abbey Road, The Tower of London, and Westminster Abbey to name a few of the sites they took in.



### **AP Scholars**

The following seniors have been recognized for their achievements in the AP Program for the 2013- 14 school year:

**AP Scholar with Distinction:** granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

1. Brooke Chai
2. James Cotumaccio
3. Sebastian Mendez

**AP Scholar with Honor:** granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

1. Elisa Castelli
2. Natalie Correa
3. Mary Millus
4. Juliet Ramdass
5. Ian Sawh

**AP Scholar:** granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

1. Paula Begonja
2. James Della-Rocca
3. Min Jae Kim
4. Sydney Lee
5. Kevin Livingston
6. Elaina Longo
7. Alban Martini
8. Victoria Pascullo
9. Vincent Patti
10. Daniel Ribadeneyra
11. Sumer Soliman
12. Megan Vetter
13. Sayuj Zachariah
14. Brittany Zaita

### **Math:**

Success in mathematics is achieved by studying, doing home work, and getting assistance with the questions that present problems.

Each teacher gives extra help so please encourage your student to take a few minutes to get assistance when needed; waiting until the end of the quarter can cause stress.

### **Senior Week:**

During the senior week, student government organized several events specially for seniors to give them a fun and meaningful week and strengthen their bonds as a class. A classic high school comedy, *The Breakfast Club*, was selected by senior votes to play on the Senior Movie Night, Monday Sept. 22nd. T-shirt Design Contest was on Tuesday, where everyone could design a T-shirt and seniors can all wear the winner's design. On Wednesday, "Leaving Our Mark By Lending Hand" was a great success. Seniors put their hand prints on the huge canvas and signed their names underneath in red and blue. This activity was completed on Friday after Walk-a-thon and more students engaged by

leaving their marks in Prep. This amazing canvas will be hung in cafeteria for a year. Carrying on last year's tradition, student government also hosted Senior BBQ after Walk-a-thon. Seniors all enjoyed themselves and had fun in the backyard. With DJ playing music, seniors signed their names on each other's shirt and took pictures with one another. Student government will continue working hard to host more engaging and fun events to enhance everyone's sense of identity as one part of our Prep community.

**Softball:**

The Sophomores, Juniors, and senior girls from the Spring Softball 2014 season joined with Archbishop Molloy, Fontbonne Hall, St. Edmund's, St. John Villa, and St. Joseph Hill to participate in a Breast Cancer Awareness fundraiser on Saturday, September 27th. . The event raised over \$1,200.00 for the Susan G. Komen organization.

