



## Principal's Newsletter

**January 2019**

*"Confidence doesn't come out of nowhere. It's a result of something...hours and days and weeks and years of constant work and dedication."*

*Robert Staubach*

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

**COURSE REGISTRATION FOR 2019-2020**

Since our return from Christmas vacation, students have been involved in getting advisement for courses for next year. Course registration will take place from 31 January through 5 February. If students have not yet met with their guidance counselors, they should do so right away. Students will select their classes using their Power School user name and password. We e-mailed credentials and directions last week. There is a video with instructions on the iPad and Tech Help page under the Student Life link on the web site. Parents and guardians with questions about course selection should call their child's guidance counselor or Mr. Castellano, at ext. 209.

**From the Desk of Mr. Mendolia:**

**Summer School 2019**

Summer School for 9th-, 10th-, and 11th-grade students who fail classes during the regular school year will be held from July 8-August 2. Classes will meet Monday through Friday. Summer School Registration will take place on June 28 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon in the auditorium. Summer classes for seniors will take place between June 10 and June 28. Registration for these courses will take on June 4 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon in the auditorium. All Summer School classes must be taken at St. Francis Prep.

Students who are failing or are in danger of failing a course should not schedule any vacations, college visits, etc., during the summer session. Students who miss more than 2 classes will be unable to earn course credit and will be forced to withdraw from St. Francis Prep.

**2019 Alumni Career Day**

Alumni from a range of backgrounds visited Prep today to share lessons from their lives after high school. Topics included choosing a major of study, getting involved in extracurricular activities, and changing career paths. Participants included Dr. Janine Kelly, Darlene Johnson, Erica Viscovich, Miguel Gonzales, Eric Gioia, Clinton Ikiodo, Richard Pelliccia, and Judge William Viscovich.

**Facebook Slideshow**

**2019 Poetry Out Loud**

Poetry Out Loud encourages students to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. This program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life. Since 2005, Poetry Out Loud has grown to reach more than 3 million students and 50,000 teachers from 10,000 schools in every state, Washington, DC, the US Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. The Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest was created by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation and is administered in partnership with the State Arts Agencies of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. Thank you to the faculty judges: Mr. Castellano, Mr. Hafker, Ms. Niklaus, Mr. Paccione, and Ms. Prohaska.



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### **VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL RETREAT**

The Varsity Girls Basketball team participated in a retreat on January 16th.

They focused on team-building activities, communication skills, and a prayer service led by Father Ralph.

Special thanks to Mr. Corrado for setting up the retreat and creating a wonderful experience for the girls on the team!



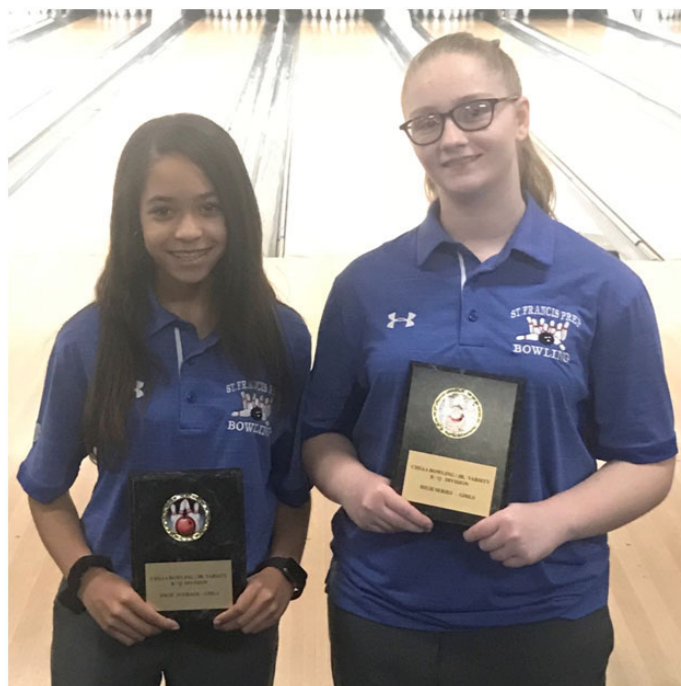
### Boys Basketball

The Boys Varsity Basketball team took 3rd place in the Belen All-Catholic Tournament in Miami.



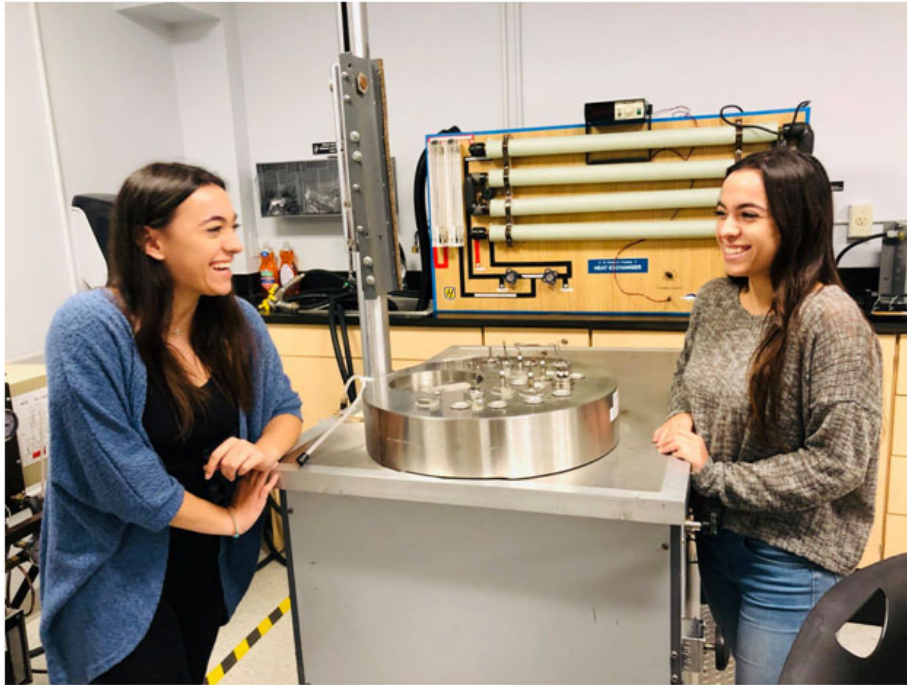
### Bowling

SFP's JV Bowling team advanced to the City Championships where our two freshmen female bowlers won individual awards. Kaylee Lopiccicolo won the high average award while Giana Giampapa won the high game and high series award. We wish to congratulate the JV Bowling team on their accomplishments this season!



**Alumni**

Jenna and Robyn Alma are doing great things at Hofstra!



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