

April 2018

"Big goals get big results. No goals get no results or somebody else's results."
Mark Victor Hansen

From the desk of Mr. McLaughlin:

Finally the weather has made a turn for the better and I have been able to get out and see some of our teams play. I always enjoy watching our student athletes and their coaches proudly represent SFP. In that spirit, I also acknowledge and celebrate all those in our student activities program who do such a great job both in and out of the classroom. We always encourage all of our students to be involved outside the classroom and to try the various clubs and activities available while excelling academically. Being a large school affords us the opportunity to offer more and a greater variety of sports and activities for our students. The April Newsletter celebrates the many accomplishments of both our students and faculty members. Well done!

Reminder: The Junior Semi-Formal and Junior Day is coming up on May 18. Tickets for the Semi-Formal are \$30 and will be on sale starting May 7-16.

From the desk of Mr. Mendolia:

This year, St. Francis Prep will be altering the Summer School schedule in order to give students an opportunity to maximize their time away from school. Classes this year for non-senior courses that need to be made up will be held from July 9 through August 3. This four-week session will allow students over 2 full weeks off following Regents Exams. This includes the July 4th holiday. Additionally, students will have over 4 weeks of vacation remaining at the conclusion of Summer School.

Seniors who fail senior level courses will again be required to make up credit during the month of June following graduation.

From the desk of Mr. Castellano:

PSAT

In December, sophomore students received their PSAT scores from the College Board. Last week, wereturned to students the hard copy of their score report and their question booklet. Please feel free to contact your child's guidance counselor or Mr. Castellano if you have any questions about the PSAT. Sophomores will take the PSAT again in October of junior year. They will take the SAT sometime in the Spring of their junior year.

Campus Ministry

Senior Retreats

"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock." Mt 7: 24

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Approximately 100 seniors participated in the Senior retreats offered this April. The seniors took time to reflect on their four years of high school and discuss the anticipated changes that come with graduation, going to college, and beginning a new phase in their life. The four retreats occurred at Camp Alvernia in Centerport and involved special "talks" from beloved members of the faculty and Mass. The Campus Ministry team is thankful for the participation of Ms. Diane Haussermann, Ms. Kim Istrico, Ms. Jane Lynch, and Mr. Joseph Masselli this year.

CAMPUS MINISTRY, FIE: CAMDEN



Pictured (from left to right): Alexandra Barbagallo, Clarice Ospina, Mr. Sempowich, Cesar Santana, Katia Acierno, Owen Lyons, Anthony Marchini, Chrissy Diehm, Carolyn Diehm, Aly Jacobson, Ms. Bradfield.

Last week, nine SFP Juniors and Seniors and two faculty chaperones traveled to the Romero Center in Camden, NJ, to learn about the city and its people. Camden is a city with tremendous needs; St. Francis Prep is proud to be a part of Camden's ongoing revitalization. The experience was a valuable one for everyone involved. The students took on the Romero Center Urban Challenge, a program built upon four fundamental components: prayer, service, education, and reflection. Members of the F.I.E. Camden team volunteered their time with organizations dedicated to helping the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters. Students experienced direct service with the hungry and homeless at the Cathedral Kitchen and prepared garden beds and outdoor spaces at Urban Promise, a center that provides many services to Camden's homeless population. They spent time with the elderly folks living at Abigail House and the wheelchair-bound community at Inglis House. The experience was rounded out with prayer and community living alongside students from Boston



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College High School and St. Joseph's High School in Massachusetts. Senior Anthony Marchini has written a blog about his experience.

English Department

English National Honor Society

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into the "Red and Blue Chapter" of the English National Honor Society at the Induction Ceremony on Thursday, April 26.

Juniors:

Alyssa Casares 303
Loriann Chester 304
Chiara Cinquemani 304
Daniella Connor 304
Daniella DeViccaro 305
Zoe Mitchel 311
David Murtha 311
Olivia Sudol 315
Julia Sultana 316
Marianna Zehas 317

Seniors:

Ava Bavaro 402
Jakob Campbell 403
Isabel Casares 403
Nikki Chati 403
Praya Cheekapara 403
Oisin Corbett 404
Matthew Curcio 404
Caitlin DeProssino 404
David DeTurris 405
Glenn Fiocca 406
Claire Iriarte 408
Christina Lino 410
Patrick McArdle 411
Mark Milian 411
Michelle Runco 415
John Sullivan 416
Chloe Sweeney 416

National English Honor Society (NEHS) is the only national organization exclusively for high school students who, in the field of English, merit special note for past and current accomplishments. At St. Francis, the chapter is composed of superior students who have distinguished themselves in the discipline during their time at the Prep. They are nominated by the English faculty.

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On Wednesday, April 11, the seniors in Dr. Marino's Drama classes traveled to the Gershwin Theatre on Broadway to see Wicked. The students prepared to see the show by reading Frank L. Baum's original novel, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, and researching the many film, TV, and book versions.



Social Studies

Mrs. Haussermann's AP World I and Mr. Leston's AP World II classes had the pleasure of visiting the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Wednesday, April 11th. The students visited several of the galleries and used the time at the museum to research primary resources and apply the AP History reasoning skills they have learned in their classes to complete their fourth quarter projects.



Science

Mr. Cohen's Forensic Science class:



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Earlier this month, AP Environmental students visited the Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility. Students learned about New York City's drinking water supply and distribution system and its collection and treatment of waste water. They were then able to tour the wastewater facilities to see how waste is transformed into products that are safe for disposal. The tour culminated in a trip 140 feet to the top of the "sludge" tanks where bacteria are hard at work breaking down organic matter. The tanks have a plexiglass top so that we could see the mixture cooking inside at a balmy 98°F. Of course, every now and then it was possible to get a whiff of what's inside, but everyone survived to tell the tale. The class is pictured standing in front of one of the sludge tanks of which there are 8 on site.



Music

On Thursday, April 19th, members of all three Prep Orchestras visited Lincoln Center to hear an open rehearsal of the New York Philharmonic and take a tour of David Geffen Hall and the Metropolitan Opera House. Students heard great music and were able to see the inner workings of an opera production. Thanks to Ms. Soderberg for organizing the trip.

On Friday, April 27th, we hosted the first of our annual two Spring Concerts. In addition to all three orchestras, both percussion ensembles, and Concert Chorus, we welcomed students from our outreach program at P.S. 115 who played alongside our Chamber Orchestra. We also welcomed members of our 2007-08 Chamber Orchestra home to Prep. These musicians had the privilege of performing for Pope Benedict XVI at his Formal Departure Ceremony which concluded the pontiff's only United States visit. Finally, Marc Copell, Band Director from I.S. 25, was awarded Prep's "Outstanding Music Educator Award."

Please join us on May 4th for our second Spring Concert. We will be featuring all three bands, Prep Chorus, and Chamber Choir. In addition, we will be hosting bands from St. Gregory the Great, St.

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Luke, Sacred Heart, and Notre Dame Catholic Academies, and P.S. 115: they will be performing alongside members of our Concert Band.

Stay tuned for even more upcoming performances and news about our summer tour to the United Kingdom!



Art

Saint Francis Prep wins The 2018 Congressional Art Competition!!!

SFP Art Students exhibited their artwork at the Congressional Art Competition. Since this competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students throughout the United States have participated. On Saturday, April 14th, five Saint Francis prep students showcased their artwork at the Queens Museum of Art. Each student was recognized and received an award from Congresswoman Grace Meng. Mofan Chen, Alanah Durant, Gina Licalzi, Mariana Papadopoulos, and Isabella Perna attended the award ceremony and received recognition from Congresswoman Grace Meng.

We are ecstatic to announce that SFP Senior Mofan Chen was the winner of the Competition. Mofan is invited to attend a special unveiling reception in Washington, D.C., in mid-June. He will be flown to the nation's capitol. His work will be displayed as part of a year-long national exhibition in the Cannon Tunnel in the U.S. Capitol. As the winner, Mofan will also be offered a scholarship to the Savannah School of Art and Design. Congratulations to Mofan. The Art department is so proud!



Ceramic Artist Tim Roda Visits the SFP Art Department!

On April 19, 2018, Ceramic Artist Tim Roda spent the day with Mrs. Buccino's Ceramic Class. Students had the opportunity to work side by side with the accomplished artist. They created clay sculptures of animal heads and learned how to throw on the wheel. Tim spoke in depth about his life and career as an artist. The students had a life-changing day and created their own individual masterpieces!



New York Botanical Gardens Advanced Painting Trip

April 26, 2018

On April 26, 2018, the Saint Francis Prep Advanced Painting class ventured to the New York Botanical Gardens in the Bronx. The daffodils, crab apple trees, and azaleas were in full bloom. The class set up their portable easels, acrylic paints, and hand stretched canvases and painted for the entire day. The students had the opportunity to create paintings in an astounding outdoor atmosphere. After painting, they enjoyed lunch in the café and headed back to Prep to finish their paintings after school. The students had an incredible experience and created beautiful masterpieces!

ART DEPARTMENT LANDSCAPE PAINTING WORKSHOP

Painting students in the SFP Chapter of the National Arts Honor Society had the opportunity to participate in a landscape painting workshop. Art Faculty Member Anthony Biondolillo conducted the workshop. Students learned how to paint a landscape. Mr. Biondolillo demonstrated the painting and blending techniques to the class. They followed him step by step and individualized each painting. Students enjoyed the opportunity to roll up their sleeves and paint! Mr. Biondolillo displayed the intended painting on the Smart Board and then proceeded to teach the lesson step by step to the students, working from the background forward. The students not only kept up with the pace over two hours, but also managed to bring their own unique touches to their paintings. In the end, although each person completed a springtime forest scene, no two were exactly alike!

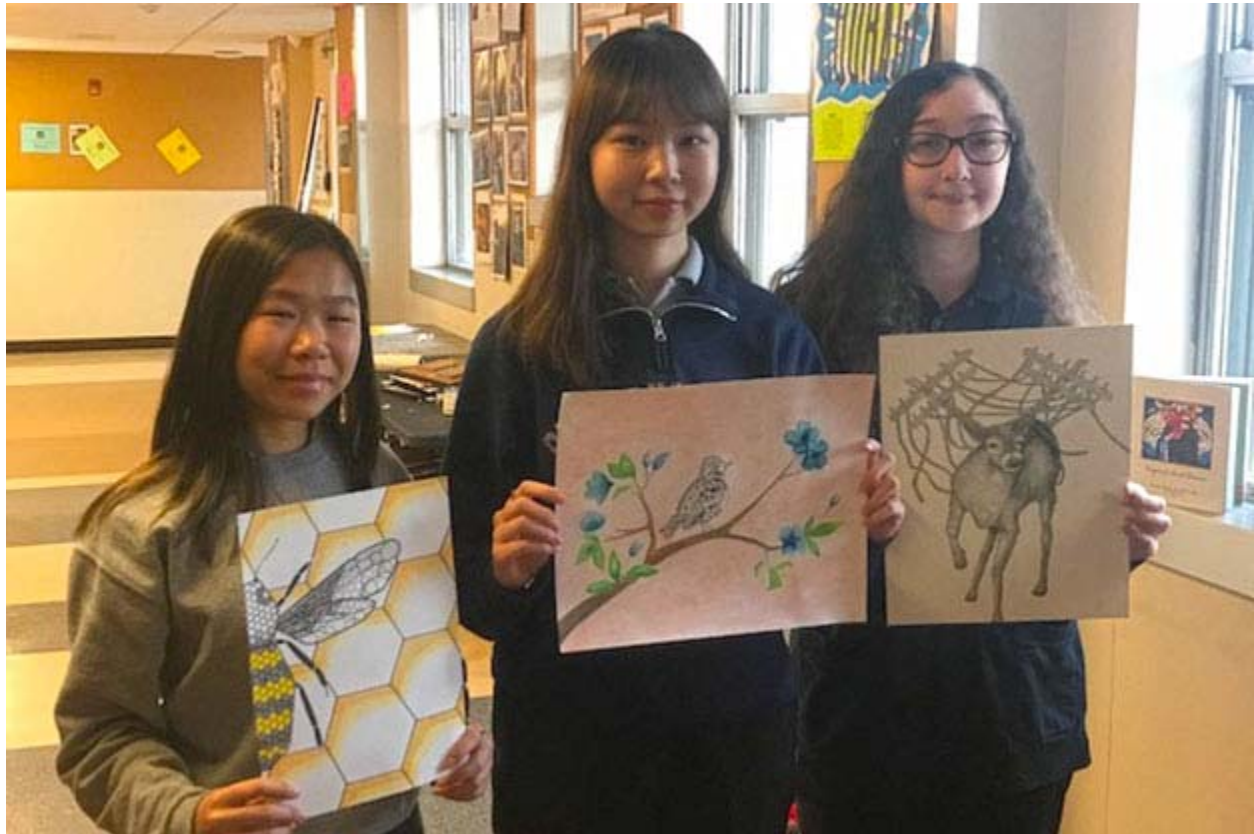




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Art Students Art Work Chosen for 2017-2018 Art Energizes STEAM Art Exhibition by Crayola!

Every year, Crayola has a contest for students with various themes and topics. This year, the theme for high school students was based on Architecture, Video Game Design, or Biomimicry. Crayola received more than 1,600 entries from students around the country for this exhibition. Each submission provided a look into the mind of the student artist and how each one connected art with science, technology, engineering, and math.



The Art Department is pleased to announce that Sophomore Keying Lai has been selected as a finalist in the 2017-2018 Art Energizes STEAM Art Exhibition! Her artwork, based on Biomimicry, shows a true connection to the theme, has stunning visual appeal, presents age-appropriate critical thinking, and responds to the theme with originality. Her artwork was also selected for the U.S. Department of Education's permanent collection. Because this permanent collection has reached maximum capacity, Crayola recognized the inspiring art of two other students: Sophomore Ana Milan and Junior Jessica Lee. Their work has been chosen to be included in Crayola education resources. All winners will receive art supplies from Crayola. We are very proud of their accomplishments and creativity.

Shulin Song wins Second Place in 2018 Christ is Risen Art Contest.



Over the past few years, students from our school have participated in the Christ is Risen Art Contest. The organizers of the contest, through the Tablet newspaper, received more than 800 entries from schools, parishes, and homes from throughout Brooklyn and Queens. This year, our Art Department is proud to announce sophomore Shulin Song won second place in this year's contest! We also have two Honorable Mentions: Sophomores Isabella Agate and Michael McCloskey. Their artwork will be displayed in the May edition of the Tablet newspaper. Shulin Song will also receive a certificate and a prize. She was awarded these items on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, during a ceremony held at the Knights of Columbus in Brooklyn. We are very proud of all their accomplishments!

Spring Musical – The Wizard of Oz





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Fund Raiser – April 26th

Danielle Petrone and Courtney Yopez, Moderators of this year's Fund raiser, report:

We want to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who came to the dodgeball tournament; whether you participated in the tournament, donated, helped us throughout the event, or simply came to show your support, you are SO appreciated! A special thanks to maintenance and security for all of their hard work!!

We are thrilled to announce that we raised \$8,550 for FARE in Ashley Frangella's memory!! We could not have done it without the help and support of so many of you. The Frangella family was overwhelmed with love on Thursday night and so grateful for the work that was put in to honor Ashley and to raise awareness. St. Francis Prep was a huge part of Ashley's life. We as a community did an amazing job in keeping her bright spirit alive through Thursday's event.

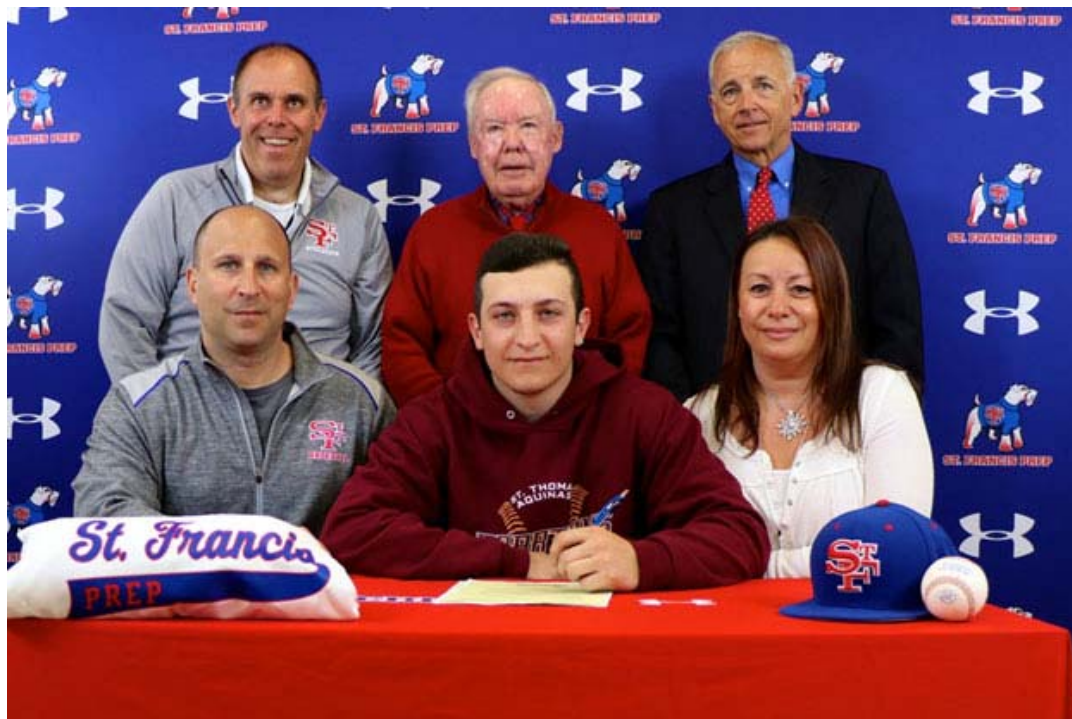
College Signings

Stephanie Kanellopoulos - New York Institute of Technology- Track



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Christopher Conti – St. Thomas Aquinas - Baseball



Celina Roberts – Queens College - Basketball



Anthony Blaskovic – Adelphi - Soccer



Mrs. Rich reports: The Varsity softball team played at **St. John's University** on Saturday, April 21st, and on Monday, April 23rd. Prep beat St. Joseph by the Sea, 16-6, and beat Xaverian, 4-3 (in the bottom of the 7th inning).





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The team also cooked and served at Presentation soup kitchen on Thursday, April 5th, 2018. They served macaroni and meatballs, mixed vegetables, salad, dinner rolls, fruit, and dessert to over 150 people. This is the sixth year we have done this service.



Alumni

Francesco Ciuffo, SFP Class of 2013

In Aspiring Doctor's Research, a Window into the Future of ... news.fordham.edu

Francesco Ciuffo, FCRH '17, at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, where he works as a medical scribe.

<https://news.fordham.edu/fordham-magazine/aspiring-doctors-research-window-future-medicine/>

2018 Spring Reunion and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Celebrating the anniversary classes of **1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, and 1993!**

2018 Hall of Fame Inductees: Francis J. Aquila '75, Susan E. Loftus '76 & Michael F. Mongelli '79.

In addition, Joseph H. Pacifico and Joseph Masselli were awarded Honorary Membership into the St. Francis Prep Alumni Association.

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SFP Alumni Networking event at Fenway Park – Go, Brother Robert



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