



## Principal's Newsletter

April 2021

### NEWS FROM MODEL UN

We had 11 members attend the 49th Model United Nations conference hosted by POB/JFK high school. There were over 100 delegates from 10 high schools. The following students earned honorable mention awards:

Sarah Flores as Germany in NATO  
Erin Seidman as United States in WHO  
Katie O'Gallagher as Portugal in ECOSOC  
Olivia Frantangelo as Israel in UNEP

This has been an extraordinary year for members of our Model UN, but it's a testament to our students who are willing to overcome all the obstacles and rise to the occasion. I commend them all for their continued participation and support of the Model UN.

### NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S (DEP) 35TH ANNUAL WATER RESOURCES ART AND POETRY CONTEST



Congratulations! Your students, **Seunghwa Woo** and **Sophia Leslie**, has been selected as winners for their outstanding art entry submitted to the New York City Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) 35th annual Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest. The entry was beautifully executed and shows a genuine understanding of, and appreciation for, New York's water resources. We received more than 1,300 exceptional pieces of artwork and poetry from watershed and New York City students this year, making our selection process very challenging! All *Water Champions* (students with winning poetry and art) are invited to attend a special virtual event in honor of their outstanding work. We hope that **Seunghwa** and guests will be able to attend:

**DEP's 2021 Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest  
Virtual Celebration  
Friday, April 30, 2021  
1:30 – 2:30 pm**

**THE ALVERNIAN DRAMA SOCIETY**



The Alvernian Drama Society and the Art department is proud to present Camp Rock coming soon in May. The cast members, Theater Design and Production class under the direction of Ms. Mejia and the SFP TV students under the direction of Mr. DeBenedittis have collaborated to create a new approach to live theater. This production will stream into your homes. Details on how to view the musical can be found on the Prep website. The performers and crew members have worked hard to make theater happen through this unusual time. The lights may be out on Broadway but St Francis Prep shines bright.

**BOYS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM**

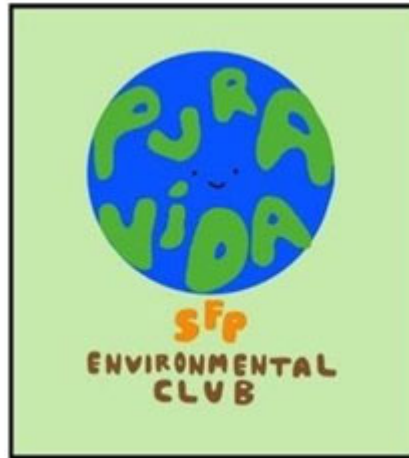




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On April 24th the boys track and field team won the Sophomore Brooklyn Queens Championship. The team was led by Jack Cote who was a double champion in both the 1600 and 3200 meter run. The team is preparing for the Varsity Championships in Mid-May.

### **THE PURA VIDA CLUB**



The Pura Vida Club is St. Francis Prep's newly formed environmental club, founded by Junior Sophia Caporusso. The club is open for students who are dedicated to making the St. Francis Prep community cleaner, more sustainable, and eco friendly and students who are interested in participating in environmental activities, projects, and ideas. In this club, both current and new members are welcome to collaborate and suggest new and exciting ideas for future projects. The Pura Vida club's current and ongoing plans and ideas for the future are as follows: the Cunningham Park Cleanup, the Ecosia app on Self Service, the Oyster Restoration Project, vegan food at the SFP cafeteria, sustainable and ethical clothing, and more! The Pura Vida club is open to all SFP students and can be accessed through Google Classroom (code: kiuwphu). More information can be found on the SFP Website under Club Activities and on the club's classroom page. We hope to see you there!

### **Ecosia**



Ecosia is a search engine that can be used as a browser extension and an app to help sustain our planet by planting trees. When you make a sufficient amount of searches, a certain amount of trees will be planted globally to help combat climate change. So far, Ecosia has planted over 70 million trees, and for every 45 searches, 1 tree is planted. Now, the app is available for download on students' iPads on Self Service and may be used as an alternative search engine to Safari and Google Chrome, both for educational purposes and for generating more trees to be planted globally! If every student at St. Francis Prep utilizes the app just once each day, our school community would



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generate a number of searches equivalent to 55 trees in a single day, and a total of almost 10,000 trees in a school year! You can also download the app on other devices, such as your smartphone, tablet, or computer to make a change in the world with just a few taps or clicks on your screen!

## **First Park Cleanup**

The Pura Vida Club's first park cleanup took place at Prep's local park, Cunningham Park. Students first separated into two groups, one with Campus Ministry's Mr. Sempowich and Fr. Ralph, and the other with Mrs. Sorriero. All participants received gloves, garbage grabbers, and garbage bags. Participating members, officers, and leaders of each group commenced the cleaning, with one group behind the school and on school sidewalks, and the other near the sidewalks of the highway towards the park. The cleanup lasted for about an hour, and students all gathered for a picture, socially distanced and following Covid protocols with masks on. A second park cleanup will be held alongside SFP's Marine Bio Club, and more park cleanups will follow! More information about the Pura Vida Club park cleanups can be found on the club's Google Classroom page.



## **SFP MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

On Friday, April 23rd, Dr. Robert Corbino and Mr. Robert Johnston presented a virtual session for Music Education majors at Queens College for their "Fieldwork Fridays." The session introduced real life issues facing today's Music Educator as they transition from their collegiate training and certification assessments to their own classrooms and communities. These include: Recruiting/retaining students, getting the word out about your program, building bridges with other schools and the outside community, building community-centered classes, building a stockpile of resources, setting goals, and professional development and self-evaluation.



They have also been selected to present the same session at The Midwest Clinic, <https://www.midwestclinic.org/>, the world's largest Music Education conference, in December! For a Music Educator, this is one of the highest accomplishments that can be achieved!

Keep an eye out for recorded performances by Prep ensembles later in the spring!

## **CAMPUS MINISTRY**

### **Lenten Collection**

This year, we raised \$7,000 for our brothers and sisters in Lare, Kenya. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to this cause. When we come together, we make big changes in our community and world.

### **Senior Retreats**

We were so excited to take our seniors out to Camp Alvernia for well-deserved senior retreats. Our seniors spent time reflecting on wisdom from each other and our faculty guests. A big thank you to Mrs. Rich, Mrs. Rodriguez, Mr. Hafker and Mr. Corrado for joining us!

## **SFP SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Seniors who have course failures will be notified by email (to the parent/guardian account) with a "failure notice" on the morning of May 26. Registration for summer school will take place on May 27 and 28 via telephone. Parents/guardians will receive a call from school personnel to complete the registration process on one of these days. Courses for senior summer school will be conducted virtually from June 1 through June 17 and will carry a fee of \$295 each. A specific schedule will be provided at the time of registration.

Students in grades 9, 10 and 11 who have course failures will be notified by email (to the parent/guardian account) with a "failure notice" no later than June 17. Registration for summer school will take place on June 24 and 25 via telephone. Parents/guardians will receive a call from school personnel to complete the registration process on one of these days. Summer school for freshmen, sophomores and juniors will take place in person from July 5 through July 30 and will carry a fee of \$485. A specific schedule will be provided at the time of registration.



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## ST. FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL 2021 / 2022 ALUMNI EVENTS



### St. Francis Preparatory School Alumni Event Calendar

*"High School is four years; St. Francis Prep is Forever!"*



#### Homecoming Weekend October 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, October 21, 2021  
3-on-3 Hoops Tournament

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Friday, October 22, 2021  
Football Alumni Night

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Saturday, October 23, 2021  
Day at Belmont Racetrack  
(Tentative)

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Sunday, October 24, 2021  
5K Fun Run

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**Annual Mass of Remembrance**  
Sunday, November 7, 2021

#### 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Class Reunions

Saturday, February 12, 2022  
2011 - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
2006 - 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
2001 - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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2012 - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
2007 - 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
2002 - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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**Florida Alumni  
Reception & Game (East Coast)**  
Saturday, March 5, 2022

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**Red & Blue Terrier Ring of Honor**  
Saturday, March 26, 2022

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**Annual President's Dinner**  
Saturday, April 9, 2022

#### Bishop Reilly H.S. Alumni Reunions\*

Class of 1972 • June 18, 2022  
Class of 1970 • June 25, 2022  
*\*These events are being organized under the  
auspices of Bishop Reilly Alumni volunteers.*

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**28<sup>th</sup> Annual June Golf Classic**  
Monday, June 20, 2022

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*Professional & Out of Town Alumni  
Chapter Events are still in the  
planning stages. More details will be  
forthcoming in weeks ahead.*

#### Alumni Spring Reunion • Saturday, May 7, 2022

Class of 1985 - 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1990 - 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1995 - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

1986 - 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1991 - 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1996 - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

1987 - 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1992 - 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1997 - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### Alumni Spring Reunion & Hall of Fame Induction • Saturday, May 14, 2022

We look forward to celebrating with you and honoring our Hall of Fame Inductees: Peter Corritori '59, Brother Owen Justinian Sadlier O.S.F. '62, LeeAnn Canavan-Black '79, and our Honorary Alumnus William Skody.

Class of 1945 - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1950 - 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1955 - 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1960 - 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1965 - 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1970 - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1975 - 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1980 - 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

1946 - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1951 - 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1956 - 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1961 - 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1966 - 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1971 - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1976 - 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1981 - 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

1947 - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1952 - 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1957 - 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1962 - 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1967 - 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1972 - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1977 - 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1982 - 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



## TRIAL OF THE CENTURY

On April 30th, 2021 a trial was conducted in the case of The People of St. Francis Prep v. Mr. Paul Cohen. NYS Supreme Court Justice William Viscovich'79 presided.

Our students were educated and groomed by experienced alumni Isabella Lovasz'20 and Jazmin Jedrzejczyk'20 and with the guidance of Queens Assistant District Attorney John Kosinski and Private Attorney James Lynch.

We are so fortunate to have such a great bunch of motivated students in which about 50 students participated in person and remotely, giving opening and closing statements and providing direct and cross examinations of the witnesses. Mrs. Maria Finn was the jury forewoman and guided the students through the deliberation process.

Special thanks to our technical people Mr. Alex Santullo, Peter Votin and Paul DeBenedittis with the SFP TV team doing the camera work for the live stream.

Thank you for all your support.

Mr. Cohen was found not guilty on all charges and he and his dog CoCo can now be free to return to the dog run.







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### **PARKS DEPARTMENT CLEAN UP**



The parks department clean up by JV softball and JV baseball teams! We participated in the program "pitch in for parks"

### **BATTLE OF THE BOULEVARD CHAMPIONS**



Congratulations to our Seniors and an all-around Great job by the Lil' Terriers Tonight, bringing





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home the Battle of the Blvd Trophy and becoming the Queens Champions with their victory over Christ the King 28-0 and Holy Cross 27-14.

On Red & Blue!!!

**THANK YOU**



On Friday, April 23, 2021 we celebrated Administrative Assistants Day. Our staff continues to prove that they are the “best in the business” serving the entire SFP community day in and day out with professionalism, expertise and compassion.