

## September 2019

*To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream.  
Anatole France*

### **From the desk of Mr. McLaughlin:**

Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year!

With the new school year comes new hope, deeper learning, and enriching relationships. I am inspired by the enthusiasm of our students entering the school year. They fully understand the commitment at hand to be their best possible self and the opportunity that they have been provided in this great Catholic High School environment.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration, I am very pleased to welcome you back to the new school year. Our journey over this school year may seem long now, but it will go very fast. As always, students, teachers, and parents will work together to take advantage of the opportunities provided by SFP and continue to grow and learn.

All the best. May God continue to Bless us!

Mr. McLaughlin

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

#### **JANUARY REGENTS EXAMS**

We will offer many of the Regents exams in January. Students who did not pass a Regents exam and would like to re-take it in January must see Mr. Castellano by 18 October. Students who did not pass a Regents exam required for graduation will be automatically registered for the exam and must take it in January. Students who passed a Regents exam may not re-take it to get a higher grade. Parents or guardians with



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questions may call their child's guidance counselor or Mr. Castellano: 718-423-8810, ext. 209.

### **National Merit Scholarship Corporation**

The following are Commended Students in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program:

Joseph Fiocca

Michael McCloskey

Victoria Reshetnikov

Well done and Congratulations!



National Merit Scholarship commended students

### **Campus Ministry**

During the Senior Mass of the Holy Spirit on September 18th, Campus Ministry installed 22 new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.



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These faithful young people are entrusted with the role of distributing the Eucharist to our student, faculty, and staff population at all of our school liturgies this year. They are also trained within the diocese and can serve at their home parishes. May God bless them in their new ministry!



Pictured (L to R) top row: Andrew Mayer, Fiorella Delgado, Nick Cordero, Kayla Bokowski, Catherine Iriarte, Sal Bacarella, Georgena Georgakopoulos, Emily Nando, Miranda Florez, Anthony Pace, Anthony Olivieri. Bottom row: Ms. Ruotolo, Amanda DiVittorio, Kayla Conelli, Sabrina Demo, Rosie Santana, Victoria Deck, Leila Shanley, Raquel Patterson, Daniella Tortorici, Madison Brown, Lauren Lodico, Fr. Ralph

An image below of some of our student volunteers during Summer Service Academy serving a meal at the Presentation Parish Soup Kitchen.



### **College Office**

Each year, St. Francis Prep's College Office invites approximately 15 colleges from the New York area to participate in instant decision interviews with our seniors. Admissions representatives come to our school and interview hundreds of our students. Most of the students who are involved will be accepted into specific colleges and universities, and many will receive merit-based scholarship awards on that same day. This gives



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students acceptances into nearly fifteen schools before Christmas break and gives the students and their families much more time to consider attending one of these colleges. All colleges waive the fee for hundreds of applications when participating in an On-site Decisions Day.

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> - NYIT

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> - New Haven

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> – Mercy

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> - St. Bonaventure

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> - St. Thomas Aquinas

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> - LIU Post

Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> - St. Francis

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> - St. John's

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - St. Joseph's

Dec 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>- Hofstra

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> - Molloy

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> -Adelphi

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> - LIU Brooklyn

### **Art Department SFP Fashion**

On September 6th and 7th, 2019, students, faculty, and staff from St. Francis Prep participated in the 2019 New York Fashion Week. This was our second time participating! Held at the National Geographic *Encounter* exhibit in Times Square, SFP was represented in full force, working as backstage staff for New York City-based, Christian Dior-trained designer Tre LaVoux. Students got a first-hand opportunity to see the behind-the-scenes world of NYFW. Dressing the professional models in original luxury women's wear, designed exclusively by Tre LaVoux, students felt the rush of excitement that accompanies the time constraints of getting ready for the runway. Dresses, shoes, and accessories all had to be perfect before hitting the catwalk, and these volunteers did an exceptional job making everything go seamlessly well in minutes! For this season's showing, SFP's very own Cameron Heuer walked the NYFW runway in a 1940s inspired Tre LaVoux exclusive! The school-sponsored event was organized by Mr. David Ganci, Director of Student Activities. The students came from Mr. Biondolillo's Fashion class.



A special thank you goes out to Ms. Lisa Schaefer who dedicated so much time and effort in making this event so special. It was an opportunity of a lifetime for these girls who wish to pursue careers in fashion! Bravo to all!



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### **Science Department**

Our Science Department received a generous donation from New York Presbyterian Hospital this summer in the form of an Anatomage Table. In August, the entire department attended a training session sponsored by the Anatomage team.



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Anatmage Table

## German Exchange Program

A group of Prep students departed on August 15 from JFK airport for a two-week stay in Germany. The trip was part of an exchange program with our German partner school, the Franciscan School Kreuzburg, and an independent study course on the Cold War in East and West Germany.



German and Prep exchange students

During the first week of their stay, students lived with a German host family and attended classes at the Franciscan School Kreuzburg, a school of 1200 students near Frankfurt. The Prep students also took a day trip with German students to Wuerzburg, where they walked through the old town and toured the Marienburg Fortress, located on a hill above the city. Mr. Gerd Kohlmetz, a teacher at the school, talked to students about his experiences serving as a soldier in the West German army during the Cold War and several trips he took as a student to Communist East Germany. Later in the week, Mr. Michael Verleih, a former political prisoner in East Germany, spoke to the students about his experiences with the East German secret police and his time spent in prison in East Germany. The





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week ended with a picnic and soccer game between students from the two schools.



Prep students at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin

### **Girls' Track**

Our Girls' Track team showing off their new Canopy at their first Cross Country meet of the year. The canopy was donated in memory of John Owens Class of 1971.



Girls' Track team showing off their new Canopy

### **Faculty**

Mr. Donnelly taking a break in front of SFP on his way to the completion of a 100 mile bike race in late August. You Go, Mr. Donnelly!



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