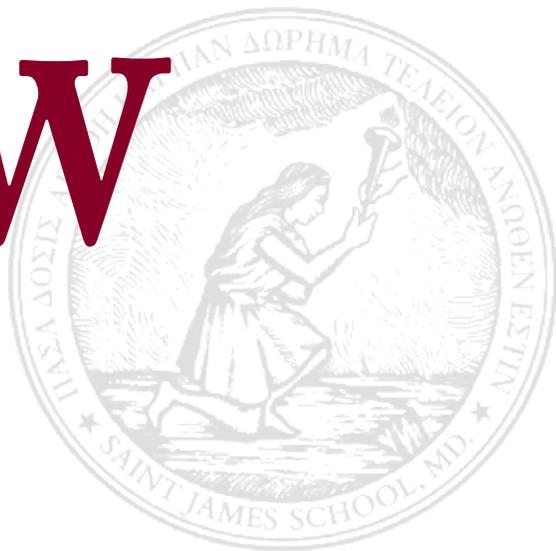


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SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

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*“In our day of thanksgiving
one psalm let us offer for the saints who
before us have found their reward...”*

—William Draper



Fall Recital



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Opening Day



Students and their families returned to school on August 16th. The campus was abuzz with excitement as staff and faculty welcomed the new and returning students.

Signing the Honor Code

At the beginning of the school year, students and faculty gathered in Chapel to sign the Honor Code. By signing, students agree not to “lie, cheat or steal” and to report anyone they witness “doing any of the three.” The document is displayed in the Barbara Fulton Academic Building.





Parents' Weekend

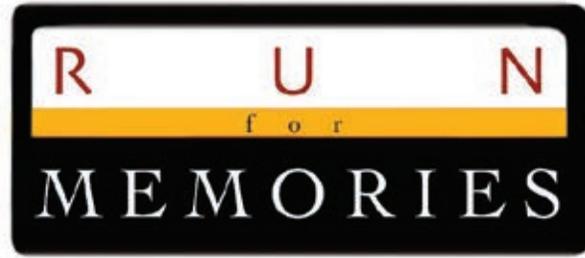
Mr. Meehan's chapel talk (the subject of a popular recent Facebook posting) about how important it is to appreciate your parents must have hit home judging by the number of excited embraces we saw as families began arriving for the weekend. For some families, Parents' Weekend has become an annual tradition and for others, this was a first. Whether veterans or newcomers, it was a pleasure to have so many wonderful families join us for the weekend. From attending classes and sports activities to checking out the fine arts exhibit and performances to concluding with chapel and brunch on Sunday, it was a busy (and we hope, fulfilling) weekend. We look forward to seeing our parents again next fall.



Parents' Association Reception

Despite a last minute venue change due to inclement weather, the Parents' Association pulled off yet another lovely event on the Friday evening of Parents' Weekend. The refectory looked beautiful as parents enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with each other and to chat with faculty members. The evening was also full of anticipation for those who entered to win the tuition raffle (a generous gift supported by the Parents' Association and by ticket proceeds). It was a lovely evening and a great opportunity for new parents and long-time parents to meet and enjoy time together.





April 5, 2014
Student-Organized 5K Run



**Jake Fishkin: Race Director &
President of The Adelpian Society**

From Jake (fifth form): 2013 marked the establishment of The Adelpian Society at Saint James. The Adelpian Society is charged with overseeing community service projects at the school and organizing meaningful trips to benefit the wider community. Following through with this responsibility, it is my honor as the president of the Adelpian Society to formally announce the First Annual “Run for Memories” at Saint James School. The event, which is a 5K run/walk, will take place on campus in conjunction with the Alzheimer’s Organization to raise money and awareness for Alzheimer’s disease on April 5, 2014.

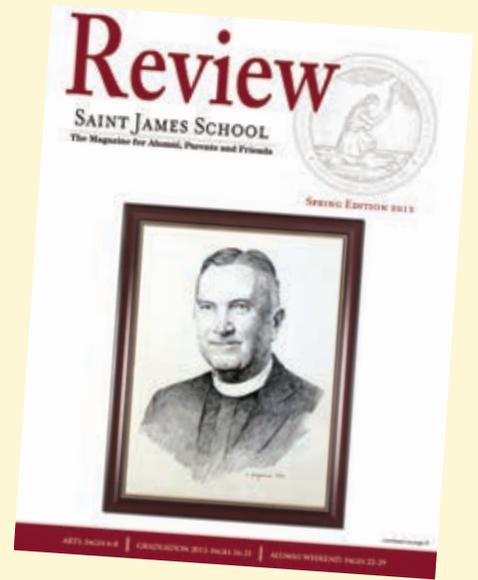
My idea for the run was first sparked after working with Alzheimer’s patients at local nursing homes. I have had the opportunity to witness all stages of the disease and it has quickly become evident how dire the need for a cure is. The fact that one in three Americans will pass away with a form of Alzheimer’s is simply not acceptable. The run is being organized entirely by the students of the Adelpian Society and is open to the public. We hope you will consider joining us on this important day to help us get one step closer to a cure. This event is an important milestone for the Society’s commitment to making our community a better place to work, play and live. I appeal to you to join us on this journey that can only be embarked upon together.

For more information about the run or sponsorship opportunities, please visit our website at runformemories.org



What Do You Think? Online Readership Survey Coming Soon

We would like to hear from you. Your feedback will help us enhance the *Review* magazine and our website (which we are in the process of redesigning), and better tailor these resources to your needs. In December, we will email an online survey to Saint James alumni. We hope you will be able to participate and look forward to hearing from you.



Saint James Hosts Nigerian Principal

This fall, Saint James was fortunate to welcome the Rev. Canon Ernest C. Osuchukwu to campus for a one-week stay. Father Ernest, as he is known, is the principal of Mount Olives Seminary, a boarding school for boys in Nigeria. During his visit, Father Ernest visited several classes, teaching students about the impacts of colonialization today, and about Christianity in Africa.

His school in Nigeria serves as a primary and secondary educational institution for 253 students. Father Ernest was moved to see the quality of Saint James' facilities. "I was also amazed to discover," he said, "that students in this country read so many books and text books."

To this end, Father Ernest, whose school depends entirely on tuition money, has requested donations of books (both literature and used text books) to Mount Olives Seminary. To get in touch with Father Ernest about a donation, please email him at: wtjames@stjames.edu.



Faculty News

This summer, Linda Stowe, the Director of Fine Arts, Organist and Choirmaster, was elected to the national board of the Association of Anglican Musicians. She will serve as Director-at-Large on the organization's Executive Committee.



"I'm very happy to be of service to my colleagues and thank you for your support of my professional activities," said Ms. Stowe.

The Association of Anglican Musicians is an organization of musicians and clergy serving in the worshipping communities of the Episcopal Church and the larger Anglican tradition. Members work and worship in cathedrals, parishes and missions large and small, theological seminaries, and church-related schools.



Saint James School Welcomes New Faculty & Staff

For many, August is a month of new beginnings. There are hints of gold in the leaves, cooler nights pointing to the approach of fall, and the return of the full cadre of faculty and students to Saint James in preparation for the new school year. This year also marked a new beginning for seven faculty, three administrators and a new coach. Please join us in welcoming this talented group to the Saint James community.

Carly Cox comes from Oak Hill, Virginia with a BA in Environmental Biology from Colgate. She is teaching Biology and Environmental Science and coaching volleyball and basketball.

Alex Kuwada comes from Ann Arbor, Michigan with a BA in Mathematics from Connecticut Wesleyan. He is teaching Precalculus and AP Calculus AB and assists with on-line Multivariable Calculus. He coaches soccer and basketball.

Harrison Rogers comes from Grand Island, New York, with a BA in Education from SUNY Potsdam specializing in Mathematics. He has three years of public school math teaching experience and spent a year as Head Coach for the Premiership League Men's Lacrosse team at Nottingham University in England. He teaches Precalculus and Physical Science and is coaching boys' lacrosse.

Sam Swartz comes from Rocky River, Ohio, with a BA in Mathematics and Education from the College of Wooster. He also has an Adolescent to Young Adult teaching license. He is teaching Algebra and Geometry and coaching cross country.

Elaine Thurman, a native of Houston, Texas is teaching British Literature and English III and coaching field hockey and lacrosse. She recently graduated from Colgate University and holds a BA in English.

Katherine Weida comes from Lancaster, Pennsylvania with a BA in English from Washington College. She also has a Certification in Secondary English Education from Penn State. She is

teaching American Literature and British Literature and coaching soccer and basketball.

Robert Wineski comes from Ocean Springs, Mississippi with an AB in Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology from Harvard University. He is teaching Biology and Anatomy and Physiology and coaching football and baseball.

We are also pleased to welcome three new administrators and a varsity football coach.

Amy Painter was hired at the end of May as Director of Communications. She holds a BA from the University of Richmond and an MA from American University. Previously, she served as Director of Communications for the National Sea Grant College Program, a research and outreach program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. She resides in Middletown.



Dan Prete is working as Assistant Director of Admission. He is also coaching the varsity boys' basketball team. Dan has a BS from Greensboro



College in North Carolina and most recently served as Athletic Director at the Congressional Schools of Virginia and as the Associate Head Basketball Coach at Montrose Christian School. He and his family reside in Frederick.

Jeff Woods joined us at the end of July as Director of Development. A native of North Carolina, Jeff has a BA in Psychology from Guilford College and an MA in Sociology from UNC, Greensboro. Most recently, he served as Director of Development at the North Country School in Lake Placid, New York. He and his wife Natalie will reside in Pennington House.

In addition, we were fortunate to hire **John Root** as coach for the varsity boys' football team in July. He is a K-4 computer teacher in the Greencastle-Antrim School District with more than 20 years of high school football experience. He attended Clarion University on



a football scholarship and coached at Shippensburg Area High School for several years. He brings a talented staff of four to assist him on the field. Coach Root lives in Greencastle, Pennsylvania with his wife and two children.



A warm Saint James welcome to (front row, left to right): Harrison Rogers, Katherine Weida, Carly Cox and Elaine Thurman. In the back row (left to right), Jeff Woods, Alex Kuwada, Robert Wineski and Sam Swartz.



Three New Trustees Named

Saint James is pleased to welcome three new members to the Board of Trustees

Mary Ann Kelley Schurz

Originally from Fayette County, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Schurz is a graphic artist by trade, and worked in Louisiana and in Union

Town, Pennsylvania

before moving to the Hagerstown area in 1986. She was

employed by the Hagerstown Herald-Mail as a graphic artist,

which is where she met her husband, James M. Schurz. Mr. Schurz was Vice

President of Schurz Communications, Inc., a national media firm. With over

25 years of experience as a graphic designer, Ms. Schurz will bring

considerable expertise to the Board in the area of marketing.

Mrs. Schurz has one son, Nicholas K. Mohar-Schurz, a 2007 graduate of Saint James School. Nicholas attended Saint James for five years. Mrs. Schurz also has four stepsons. She knows first-hand the hopes and fears of the young men and women of Saint James School, and hopes to share those insights with the Board.

Mrs. Schurz has been a very generous supporter of the school and often gives even when she has not been asked. She is an enthusiastic ambassador for Saint James in the Hagerstown area. Mrs. Schurz previously served on the Board from 2007 until 2010. She has graciously agreed to serve another term.

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Adam Gilbert Shampaine '97

Adam G. Shampaine graduated from Saint James in 1997. During his two years as a Saint James student, he played varsity lacrosse and was a varsity cross country team member. He was also a member of the yearbook club. After graduating,

Mr. Shampaine went on to receive his B.A. in Economics from St. Mary's College of Maryland with a concentration in Environmental Policy.

Mr. Shampaine began his professional career while still in college, working for three years as an Executive Assistant at Deak Reynolds Wealth Management. After graduating from St. Mary's College, he served for three years as the Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science, and served for another two years as a staff member for the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Environmental Technology and Standards. Leaving Capitol Hill in 2005, he joined Homefix Corporation as a Vice President. By 2007, Mr. Shampaine was promoted to CEO of Homefix Corporation of Virginia. Mr. Shampaine is a member of the National Association of Remodelers, and holds the titles of Master Elite Contractor and Earthwise Contractor. He is also the owner of Level Up Fitness center in Bowie, Maryland.

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Mr. Shampaine brings his skills as a consensus builder, a business leader and a strategic thinker to the Board. He is interested in serving on the Admissions and Development Committees.



Roberta "Bunny" Waltersdorf

Bunny Waltersdorf has been closely connected to the Saint James community for many years. Her father, John M. Waltersdorf, was a prominent community leader and philanthropist and served as a member of the Saint James Board. Ms. Waltersdorf's brother, a niece, and two nephews attended Saint James (Jay Waltersdorf '71, Catherine Oldfather '08, William Oldfather '07 and James Waltersdorf '05, respectively.)

A native of Hagerstown, Ms. Waltersdorf attended Northfield Mount Hermon (Mass.) and the Peddie School (New Jersey), giving her insight into the culture and challenges of co-ed boarding schools. After graduating from North Hagerstown High School, she attended Towson State University with a concentration in fine and studio arts.

Ms. Waltersdorf currently manages her family's many business interests and real estate partnerships in Hagerstown and Washington County. She is an active community leader, and has served on the boards and committees of many organizations including: Bowman Board of the Washington County Historical and Fine Arts Trust, The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, The Maryland Theater, The Washington County Historical Society, The Hagerstown Garden Club and The Sotto Voce Poetry Festival.

In addition to managing her family's business interests, Ms. Waltersdorf's professional career has included work as a Human Resources Specialist for Tristate Electrical Supply Co., owner-operator of a copying and packaging franchise, and a career as a legal secretary for Rollins, Smalkin, Richards and Mackie in Baltimore.

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Meet Dona Young

Member, Board of Trustees

Interview by Nathan Trail, Sixth Form



1. *How did you first get involved with Saint James School?*

Our youngest son was beginning the process of applying to secondary schools. The educational consultant with whom we worked recommended Saint James. We lived in Connecticut and our two older children had attended boarding schools in New England. We had never heard of Saint James, but we decided to look at it based on her recommendation. Nine years later, we are so glad we followed her suggestion. Saint James School provided an incomparable education for our son, Taylor, and changed our lives in many ways.

2. *What was your first impression of Saint James School?*

We arrived on a beautiful November day. It was a Friday and chapel consisted of the “Holy Hit Parade.” We were wowed by the beauty of the campus, the warmth of the community and the quality of the students, faculty and staff. And then there were Mrs. Barr and Father Dunnan. Need I say more?

3. *How long have you served as a Trustee?*

I have been a Trustee since 2009, following Taylor’s graduation from Saint James.

4. *Can you share a little about your career and some of the positions you have held?*

I am a lawyer by training and background. I rose through the corporate ranks and became CEO of an insurance and asset management company. I have been blessed with wonderful and interesting experiences. But real joy comes from believing in what you do and working with people you respect in pursuit of shared goals.

5. *What has surprised you most about serving as a Trustee?*

Love. Saint James is about love—the deep love the Trustees feel for the school, which is shared by students, faculty, alumni and parents. Loving the school makes the work effortless and creates a shared stewardship.



6. *You and your husband are active and generous donors. Why do you support Saint James School?*

We feel happy when we make a donation to Saint James. Saint James has given our family so much—love, support, friendship and a place that will be home forever. We have an obligation to give back and make sure Saint James is in a position to continue to fulfill its mission in the lives of young people. As said in Luke 12:34, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Our heart is at Saint James. I only wish we had even more treasure to give!

7. *What do you wish other people knew about Saint James School?*

I wish more people knew the quality education Saint James provides. It is an education that prepares young people for life—emotionally, spiritually and intellectually. I also wish more people understood that a great education isn’t about bells and whistles, it is about academic rigor, integrity, community and developing life skills—resilience, character and accountability. Saint James provides a superior education in a caring community.

8. *When your friends/family learn that you volunteer your time as a Trustee, what do they say or ask?*

They don’t have to ask. They know I love Saint James. I only wish I could do more for the school.



Meet Dona Young

9. *Can you tell me about someone who has influenced your decision to work with Saint James School?*

It goes without saying that Father Dunnan is quite persuasive. However, beyond Father, the beauty of Saint James is that it is a patchwork quilt of wonderful people who contribute to make Saint James special...from students to faculty, from Mr. Meehan and Ms. Pollock to Mr. Camp and Mr. Collin, and then of course, Mrs. Barr. I just love to hear her voice on the other end of the phone.

10. *What might someone be surprised to know about you?*

I am painfully shy and I wanted to be a Motown singer, but I don't have a voice.

11. *What would you tell someone who is thinking about donating to or volunteering for Saint James School?*

I would say, "Why are waiting?" Giving back is a gift to yourself, not just the school.

12. *What (about Saint James School) do you think will change over the next five years? Or, where do you see the School in five years?*

I chair the Strategic Planning Committee and we are in the throes of developing our strategic plan. This process is iterative and collaborative between the Trustees and the Administration and Faculty. Until it is completed and approved, it is premature to

speculate on details. However, our work is guided by our commitment to sustain the core vision and values of Saint James, while appealing to new generations of families and young people in a more diverse and fast paced world. We are also mindful of our financial stewardship and will pursue strategies that will enable us to grow and prosper while maintaining our fiscal integrity.

13. *What do you do when you aren't working or volunteering? What kinds of activities/pursuits do you enjoy?*

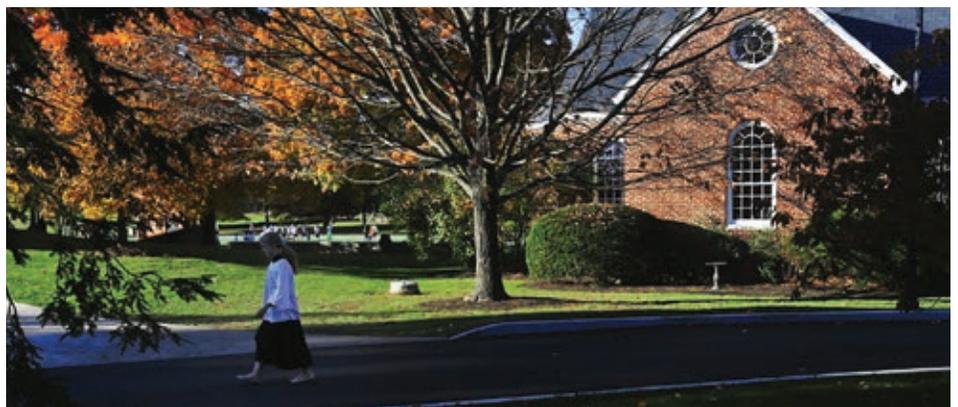
Family is everything in life and I have a great family, which is a blessing. I just love being with my family, our dogs, cooking and traveling. I am also a sports fan, despite never being an athlete. Now that we have a home in Cincinnati, we love walking to Great American Ball Park or seeing a game at Paul Brown Stadium. We have had Mr. and Mrs. Meehan attend a Bengals vs. Steelers game with us and Father Dunnan and Ms. Sherman have seen the Reds play.

14. *What advice would you give a student coming to Saint James School?*

BE A SPONGE....Soak it all in. Get involved. Don't waste the opportunity to grow. Challenge yourself. Develop as a person AND enjoy every moment. Above all, let go of the cell phone and video games....Life is far more interesting when you actively engage with people and become a part of the community.

15. *How would you advise Sixth Form students like me who are about to graduate?*

I would encourage you to relax. What is more important than the college you attend, is what you do when you get there. At college, remember what Saint James has given you and use it as a platform to be the best you can be. Remember that you represent Saint James and make good choices. In the end, the choices you make determine the person you will become and the life you will lead.





The Mummies' Society Presents "The Nit Wits"

A fast-paced comedy by Glenn Hughes, held November 15th & 16th. Photos by Jeremy McDonald (faculty)

The Players

Emily Winter Nicole Jenkinson
 Nellie..... Carissa Falanga
 Tommy Winter..... Connor Abeles
 Steve Grinnell..... Alexander Wagner
 William W. WinterWilliam O'Leary
 Jean Hammond..... Emily Teale
 Lou Prentice..... Giuliana Gentile
 Miss Constance Dinwiddie..... Heather Deiner
 Henry ShortCameron Wilkerson
 T.T. Trumbull James McElroy
 Maude Middleton.....Henry Meehan
 Bert Baxter.....Luke Caso
 Sallyjean Gould.....Monique Carvalho
 Milton Geer..... Salvatore Gentile
 Madeline Short..... Annette Abu
 First Asylum Guard Caleb Goodie
 Second Asylum GuardKevin Eun
 First Policeman.....Carter Bruns
 Second Policeman..... Lukas Pank
 A College Girl..... Seo Hyung "Kay" Lee
 A College Girl..... Karlie Grady
 A College Girl..... Lisa Grady
 The PianistElliot Pajer



Fine Arts Calendar

December 14 & 15

Lessons and Carols, 8:00 p.m.
Chapel

December 19

Chapel Choir Concert, 12:00 p.m.
John Wesley United Methodist Church
129 N. Potomac St., Hagerstown

December 19

Saint George & The Dragon, 8:00 p.m.
2nd form play
Bowman-Byron Fine Arts Center







Fall Arts Projects

Our talented students have been working on a variety of visual art projects in Mr. McDonald's classes. Many of these works are displayed in Fulton Hall for the Saint James community to enjoy



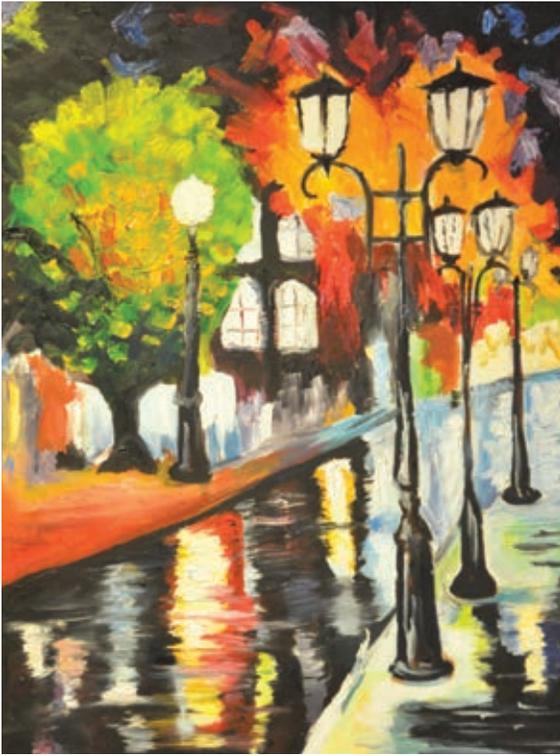


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Sandra Pollock, Associate Headmaster, delivered a Chapel Talk entitled, "The Well-Worn Running Shoe....Live A Well-Used Life" on September 10, 2013.

Welcome Week began three weeks ago, and we have just finished two full weeks of classes, sports, chapel, communal meals, homework, study halls, school dress and resetting our summer clocks to a school-work setting. You've adjusted to and accomplished a lot—congratulations! And right about now, many of you are probably feeling a bit tired, maybe somewhat complacent already, possibly regretting that decision to take that challenging class or join the football team or add the clarinet lesson to your schedule or accept the offer to become a boarding school teacher, or the bloom of excitement and possibility has already faded and you no longer have the urge to join the activity that seemed awesome when you first heard about it.

"I'm so tired..." Who has either heard someone say that or said that yourself in the past week? Who has already gone unprepared to a class or sports or a music lesson with the sense

that your attendance alone counts or that someone else will do the heavy lifting in terms of class discussion or being in position on the field or that your lesson counts as practice time? Who stood through the singing of the hymn today without mustering up the energy to open the hymnal?

Who has already plotted out an exit strategy from a challenge and spent valuable time justifying it? Do you think Mr. Yergey assigns too many outlines? Don't you think Mr. Solis is speaking too much Spanish? Mr. O'Connell's reading assignments are college level for sure. Am I supposed to read and try to grasp a concept before coming to class—isn't it Ms. Cox's or Mr. Powell's or Mr. Rogers' or Mrs. Mathews' job to walk me through it before I engage with the material? Don't you think Ms. Cerutti gives you too many miles to run? Or Mrs. Scott gives you too many piano scales to practice?

And who is sitting here today having already taken a pass on joining a new activity or trying something new? No music lesson for me, I am going to concentrate on my classes. I am so busy; I don't have time to work on the Saint James Times with Ayesha and the newspaper staff. Maddie

seems so poised, but I'm too nervous to read in chapel. Elliott was just born a pianist—no lessons or practice for him. Often, the opt-out is tagged with, "Maybe next year." ¡Ay Caramba! Seize the day. Carpe Diem. Embrace life and possibilities. You don't need to acknowledge in public this morning that you have already said "no" to something new, but I do hope you are squirming a bit (and hearing Mr. Collin say, "Don't say 'No,' think about it.").

Tired, passive and complacent, feeling beginning-of-a-challenge jitters and giving up too soon, falling into old habits and lacking the gumption to try something new.

I get it. We all get it. You are tired. You are doing a lot. It is hard. It is new and feels weird. You might fail at first. You probably won't be great at whatever you are trying for the first time this year. So, I am going to give you 20 seconds of a personal pity party as you reflect on just how tired, busy, scared and passive you might be feeling.

Okay. Time's up. Snap out of it.

Here's an alternative I would like to offer for your consideration: start today and live a well-used life.

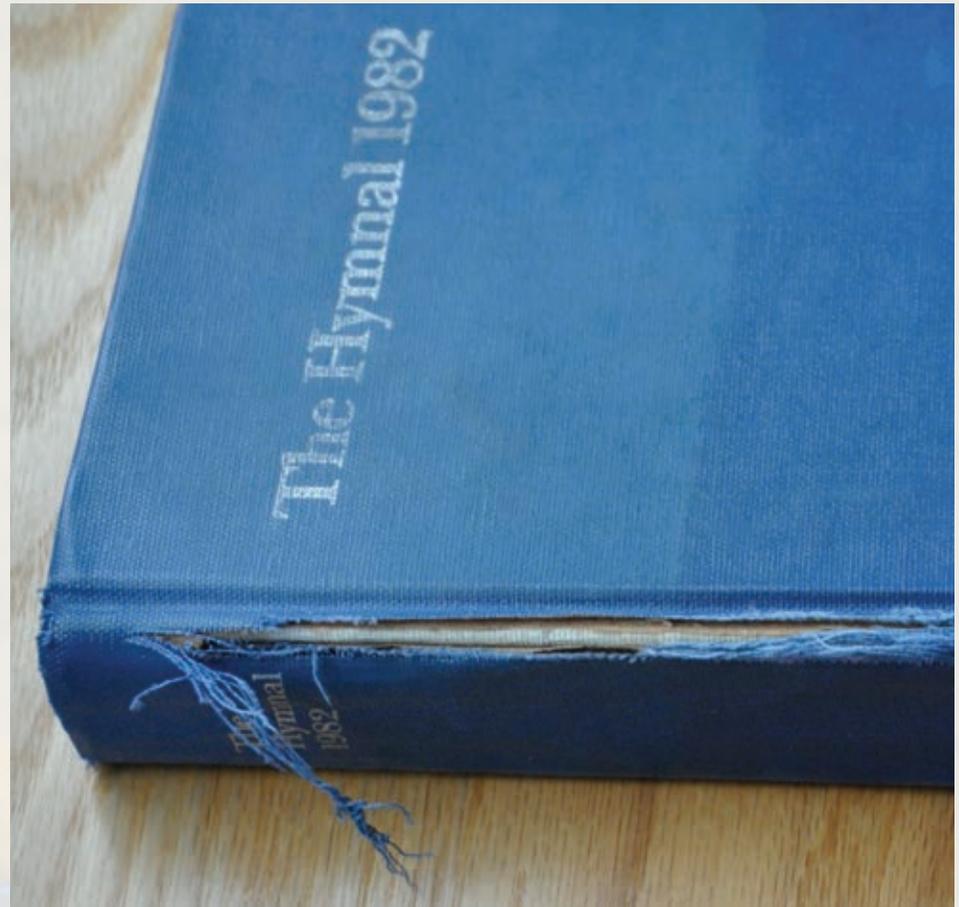


“Are you willing to try Finn Thai for Thai food or Sitar of India for Indian food, or is Chipotle as far as you can go?”

Well-worn shoe

Most of you probably did some back to school shopping over the summer, and your shoes or cleats right out of the box have that new shoe feel and smell.

They are clean, a bit stiff, maybe even uncomfortable, and they have a rubber/chemical/leathery smell. You might have chosen them for particular features designed to enhance performance, or maybe you just liked the color. Flush with excitement for the upcoming season, you buy the shoes and start your fall sport. Maybe you have played and competed before, like Kerri Kline heading onto the soccer field, Carl Thomas running cross-country, Sherman Harris playing



football or McKenna Hough playing volleyball, or maybe it is a new sport for you like Casey Kwon trying volleyball or Adyson Kurtz trying field hockey or Charlotte Caruso trying soccer.

If you put those new shoes on and practice most days, you will be tired, you will be busy because you are committing time to the sport, it might be hard, you might not be the best, and you might consider quitting. But you will also have the support of

your teammates, your coaches, and others who come watch you play. You will get better. You will make a difference for the team. You will feel a sense of accomplishment at the end of the season. And your shoes might look like this. This is a well-worn shoe. Caleb Goodie ran by my house all summer, and his shoes show the mileage. They are soft and frayed, worn-down and pliable, and they smell terrible. Unless you appreciate the sweet smell of success.

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Well-sung hymnal

Every morning, Monday through Friday, we gather here in chapel. It does not take too long for the pattern to become familiar: Mrs. Stowe welcomes us with organ music and we are invited to sing a hymn, a student like Louise Dickinson reads from the Old or New Testament, Fr. Dunnan or Fr. Daniel or someone else shares some thoughts, and we file out and begin our day cloaked in a final prayer and music. Some students and faculty are actively engaged in the services—sacristans, acolytes, ushers, choristers, priests, readers, speakers and musicians. But even if you do not have a job to do, you can still be engaged; you can listen and appreciate the music and the message of the readings or talks. And you can actively participate by opening the hymnal and reading or singing the poetry of the verses.

This hymnal has a stiff spine. Seldom used, its cover is uniformly blue, and it has not faded or absorbed the oils of fingertips. It does not lay open or open naturally to popular or well-loved hymns. None of its pages have turned down corners. But check this one out. This hymnal was held by joyful singers. It has been opened and closed and held and had its pages turned. This

hymnal is tired— from being used. Its back is broken and the glue is showing. I found this hymnal a few rows in front of my pew— probably in a third form

row. Maybe Sam Smith sang out of it when he was younger, or Hannah Jin, or Coco Peng or Connor Abeles who subsequently joined the Choir. You





can transform the hymnal in your pew from this (show the new) to this (show the used). Give up on excuses like you are too tired or you have a terrible voice. If your hymnal gets opened every day and its pages are flipped and its words read and sung, it will be a symbol of your well-used and well-sung life this year.

Well-traveled passport

Most people love being comfortable and that often means staying with all things familiar. It is not that you are too tired or too busy to try something new, but you might be afraid or anticipate being uncomfortable or just “don’t feel like it.” Are you willing to try Finn Thai for Thai food or Sitar of India for Indian food, or is Chipotle as far as you can go? Would you consider going to a concert or play offered by Mr. Batson on the weekend, or are you going to play video games or watch YouTube on your laptop in Kemp? There is nothing wrong with the comfortable or the familiar—but at least consider reaching out.

I asked last week if anyone had a “fresh” passport with no stamps in it but no one came forward so I have no prop. But, consider this: until last winter, Mr. McDonald had not traveled

using a passport; all of his travel experiences were domestic. He shared that one of the gifts he has received at Saint James is not a tangible one, rather it was the inspiration to travel. Meeting students from around the world and hearing about the travel of others inspired him to pack his suitcase and visit Italy in the winter and France in the spring. Do you think he had any fears, worries, or other obstacles to leaving the cocoon of Saint James? I am sure he did, but there is no stopping him now, and his next destination is China this coming March.

Maybe world travel is not a possibility in your immediate future, but consider the well-stamped passport metaphorically. At the end of this year, will you have the stamps of different experiences? Did you see *The Nit Wits* in November or *Oklahoma!* in May? Did you cheer on younger students at a Jr. Boys’ or Girls’ Basketball game? Did you catch your breath at a nail-biting Varsity Boys’ Basketball game? Did you experience a Service Learning project? Did you stand up against someone behaving badly? Did you help a classmate as a Peer Tutor? Did you learn a song on guitar? Did you try a Krumpé’s doughnut? Did you take Mr. Camp’s dog Lizzie for a walk? I

challenge you to live a well-used life with a well-stamped passport.

So, a bit of a mixed message really...

Don’t stick with the familiar to the exclusion of new ideas or experiences...

If your running shoes are well-worn, open the stiff hymnal. If your fingers are already nimble from playing guitar or violin, pick up a lacrosse stick. If your computer keyboard or touch pad or game controls are kind of shiny from the oils of overuse, sign up for a service learning project or a weekend activity off campus or music lessons.

But, if the tools of the trade look new and clean and unused, get busy wearing them out. Wear out your athletic gear, need new guitar strings, run out of paints, spend your “free” periods crafting that essay or memorizing those vocabulary words or getting help from a teacher or giving help to a peer, read your books and take so many notes in them that they will be too used to sell back at the end of the year.

Wear yourself out...that will be a well-used life.



Four Students Commended in 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program

On Monday, September 30th, four Sixth Form students were named “Commended Students” in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program. Congratulations to **Daniel Pike, Hannah Jin, Carl Thomas and Nicole “Nikki” Jenkinson** (pictured).

“This is a significant achievement, especially when you consider that our students’ scores are ranked within the most challenging pool in the nation,” said Father Dunnan. “All four commended students also have very strong academic records, so their scores are consistent with their overall scholastic achievement.”

Approximately 34,000 students throughout the nation were recognized as Commended Students for their exceptional academic promise. Although the Saint James students will not continue in the 2014 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5

million students who entered the 2014 competition by taking the 2012 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

“The young men and women being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” said a spokesperson for National Merit Scholarship Corporation. “These students rep-

resent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in the academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”



Admission Open House: January 20, 2014

The Admission Office will host an Open House on Sunday, January 20th. Prospective families should call 301-733-9330 or email admissions@stjames.edu.

The Open House hosted in October 2013, drew prospective students new to the Saint James community as well as many whose families have long been a part of the School.



National Players Perform *Macbeth*

In late September, Saint James School hosted the National Players, the country’s longest running touring company. This year, the troupe presented William Shakespeare’s *Macbeth*.

Written in 1616, and set in Scotland, *Macbeth* is considered one of Shakespeare’s most powerful tragedies. The play dramatizes the ambitious Lord Macbeth’s descent into evil and the corresponding political and psychological consequences.

“The play was really well done,” said a student. “It’s a pretty dark story, but I really enjoyed the actors who made it interesting,” he continued.

Although performed with original dialogue, the National Players brought a more modern flavor to the production, helping to make the play and characters feel more contemporary to audience members both young and mature.

The National Players have performed in 40 states for more than 2.5 million audience members. Saint James is fortunate to be included in the renowned company’s annual tour.



Claggett Hall Renovation



Claggett's Crown Jewel

This summer, as Claggett Hall underwent a renovation that included new furniture, paint and tiles, the building's reception room was also transformed. Mrs. Haven Younger (below, left), Vice President of the Parents' Association, spearheaded this effort, helping to raise donations and appointing the fresh and inviting color scheme and interior design. Prior to the effort, "the room didn't reflect the warmth and sense of community that SJS exudes," said Mrs. Younger. "I want people to feel welcome and comfortable. It should feel like family," she continued. She noted the importance of the reception room to those who live and work at Saint James and to prospective families whose first impression of the school is formed, in part, by this gracious space.

Halloween Treats





On the eve of All Saint's Day, hundreds of friends, alumni and members of the Saint James community gathered to celebrate the life of The Revd. John E. Owens, Jr. Father Owens served as Chaplain from 1948 - 1950 and as Headmaster from 1955 - 1984. We are grateful to those who were able to attend the ceremony and to those who joined us in spirit to honor this exceptional leader. Below, is the sermon delivered by The Revd. Robert G. Windsor '65. Father Windsor is Retired Rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Needham, Massachusetts.

**Memorial Sermon for
The Rev. John E. Owens, Jr.**

God be in our hearts, and in our understanding.

God be in our eyes, and in our looking.

God be in our mouths, and in our speaking.

God be in our hearts, and in our thinking.

God be at our end, and at our departing.

Amen.

It is a privilege to be back at St. James and to be with you this evening to celebrate the life of our beloved former headmaster, Fr. John Owens.

I would like to thank Fr. Dunnan for the invitation to preach. I know I can speak for many, Fr. Dunnan, that you carry on the legacy of Fr. Owens. And, as a faithful leader, you have carried forth for over two decades your own remarkable spiritual, intellectual and pastoral gifts as priest headmaster making St. James School the exceptional place it is today.

As we gather to give thanks for Fr. Owens' life and celebrate the Feast of All Saint's Day, I am reminded of the story about the Nobel laureate and saint of Calcutta, Mother Theresa, who was once interviewed by the British BBC journalist Malcolm Muggeridge.

During the interview, Muggeridge asked Mother Theresa what she thought about people calling her a "living saint?" She replied slyly that she was not as good as people think. She went on to offer her own definition of a saint. She said a saint is

someone who God places in the world and who does the best job they can do wherever they are.

In that sense, John Owens - son of Maryland; priest of the Church; headmaster of St. James School - was a saint. God put Fr. Owens at St. James School for 29 years and he did the best job he could. I am sure he never saw himself as a saint and would not want me comparing him to one; yet, using the Nun of Calcutta's definition of a saint, Fr. Owens was one.

His imprint is everywhere in this school. Looking around at the library, the renovations, the fields, the dormitories, Fr. Owens stamp is deep. His faithfulness, his humanity, his spirit, imbues this place; but the deepest handprint Fr. Owens made is the one that he left upon our hearts.

Every year, like clockwork, the first Christmas card my wife, Kathy, and I would receive would be from Fr. Owens. He told me once how he prepared his Christmas card list early in advance.

His cards, as I remember, were always centered on some aspect of the Nativity of Christ. For me those cards of Fr. Owens served as the first heralds of Christmas serving as iconic reminders of how God became one of us so that we could be one in God through Christ. Through time and space he was still teaching, still maintaining friendships that began so many years ago. Yet, what brought me joy were the little notes that Fr. Owens would write.

I could imagine Fr. Owens writing those seasonal cards thinking and praying about those who would receive his cards and notes. He had a distinctive writing style and through the years those ink stained black letters would become a little shakier but the





affection and sentiments of those words to his friends and family I believe abided and remained firm and strong.

The physical characteristic I remember the most about Fr. Owens besides his height was his hands. They were strong. Strong like the branches of an oak tree. They were hands that gave a firm handshake of congratulations. They were fatherly hands that would wrap around the shoulders of a boy who had lost a parent.

His were hands that gave Holy Communion thousands of times; and those same hands were as firm on the tiller of this School when he was Headmaster as they were on the steering wheel of his car driving students back and forth from school to the bus station in Hagerstown.

I remember those strong hands pushing our classmate, Eric Mohn, in his wheelchair down by the Bai Yuka one bright spring day at a picnic before our 6th Form graduation in 1965. It was the only time ever I saw Fr. Owens without his black clerical



clothes on. He was wearing, I will never forget, a light blue short sleeve shirt and a pair of lightly colored slacks. Handsome, even regal, yet seemingly at ease with us, Fr. Owens was like our father that day.

To many of us, Fr. Owens was a second father. In the most recent school newsletter there is a copy of a note written by my classmate, Jon Biddle, who describes his first impressions of Fr. Owens and how Fr. Owens' support of Jon lasted throughout school and into

his adult life. Then Jon writes a truth that I believe some others feel too when he writes, "He was the father I never had."

Jon told me recently that he remembers Fr. Owens as an imposing and important presence to him at St. James. And I agree with Jon. You might not remember where Mr. Belden or Mr. Barr or Mr. Roberts or Mrs. Pennington or one of your classmates was on a given day, but you were always aware of where Fr. Owens was. I think it was more than his height and more than his day-to-day black clericals; rather, his presence was always a steady non-anxious one.

Fr. Owens' presence reminds me of the lines from an old archaic poem about Christ; but it is also truthful about those who carry the light of Christ within them,



*“Thou shalt know him when he comes
Not by crown nor by gown
But his coming know shall be
By the holy harmony
Which his coming makes in thee.
Thou shalt know him when he comes.”*

I do not think there was anyone who did not want to be in Fr. Owens’ presence. He carried a holy harmony that made you feel welcomed, respected, and comforted.

Once when Fr. Owens was visiting my family in Boston many years ago, I recall him sitting in our backyard on a bright sunny day. He had taken a lawn chair and placed it under the shade of one of our trees. He was quietly and contentedly reading a book. Just as I was about to approach him and ask whether he wanted some ice tea, I stopped and was taken by his stillness. It was not a passive stillness but an active one born out of the discipline and unyielding prayer of a contemplative. He seemed very much at home with himself, with the world, and with his God.

Another St. James classmate of mine, Andrew Gerzso, remembers Fr. Owens possessing the uncanny ability of being distant and personal, detached and engaged at the same time. Andrew believes that Fr. Owens had the unique ability of not being distracted by shallow, superficial and unimportant things; rather, he concentrated on what was enduring, valuable, and important.

Andrew’s observation reveals a truth about this beloved man and why he was so revered: Fr. Owens did not stray from what was necessary, life giving and useful for his students, his teachers, and himself. This ability echoes what Sofia Cavalletti, the religious educator, writes, “The spiritual life is the discerning of what is essential from what is not.”



Yet, Fr. Owens was not without humor or a sense of irony. On the day that I was ordained to the priesthood Fr. Owens was my presenter. As is the usual custom, the newly ordained is invited by the bishop to bless the congregation at the conclusion of the service.

After my ordination service Fr. Owens came up to me and explained how to do a blessing. Evidently, I had formed my fingers in a manner reserved only for an Episcopal blessing by a bishop. So Fr. Owens showed me how to do it as a priest and said wryly, “Skip, you are not a bishop yet!” Again, I remember Fr. Owen’s hand guiding my hand teaching me how to bless.

Even after Fr. Owens retired and moved to Alexandria, it is hard not to think of Fr. Owens as an active presence at the school. For many of us here during his tenure, you cannot think of Fr. Owens, without thinking of St. James. You cannot think of St. James without thinking of Fr. Owens. The school and the man are indelibly linked together.

Fr. Owens followed in a long succession of remarkable headmasters that

dates back to 1842 when John Kerfoot was named the first headmaster. After being called by Bishop Whittingham of Maryland to the new college of St. James, Dr. Kerfoot was given a charge in an address by his mentor, Dr. Muhlenberg, which reads in part,

“Experience and your own faithful heart will say to you day by day: Be patient; be kind; be gentle; be long suffering; consider





every little trial and vexation as it comes along, as a little cross to give you some opportunity to continually follow Christ."

"The true Christian teacher has a burden known to himself. He is a sufferer, a confessor, for Christ. Bear all things for His sake; expect to make a sacrifice of your time and convenience, and be content."

This charge to the first headmaster of St. James School foreshadows the charge to all successive headmasters of this school; and Fr. Owens lived up to this image and carried out his charge as headmaster with fidelity and consistency. And it should not be forgotten that this charge by Dr. Muhlenberg to Dr. Kerfoot in 1842 applies to all Christian educators. Since that time, St. James was, and continues to be, blessed by many masters, teachers and administrators who upheld, and uphold, Dr.

Muhlenberg's charge in their daily life and work.

Before coming here today, I read the text about the current state of the school on its website; and I was uplifted and struck with admiration by the portion of the site that deals with the school's religious life. In part, it reads,

"Life at SJS is a communal endeavor... it is infused with a religious purpose. We are 'enveloped in a community of other human beings' in the hope that each of us will reflect the divine image in our day to day routine... in this way, we hope to be a community for good in the world, reflecting God's image in all our many faces, voices and hearts."

On this feast day of the Church you and I are reminded that we are forever linked together, friend and stranger, the living and the dead, to an unseen chain of love that binds us together in Jesus Christ. Here in this Chapel, in this service of Holy Eucharist, you and I stand on solid ground handed to us by our forbearers. It is a faith that believes in the Communion of Saints.

Many of us knew Fr. Owens as headmaster, mentor, teacher, priest and pastor. To others, he was John, and to his family and friends he was



"Jack" their uncle, brother, and best friend; and, to God he was a beloved child nurtured and protected who grew from strength to strength with divine favor for 94 years.

On this day, on this All Saints Day, we give thanks for a saint. We give thanks for the life of Fr. John Owens who rests eternally in the strong hands and mighty arms of his divine Creator in heaven.

May we find comfort knowing that at heaven's gate, John was welcomed with greetings of divine grace extended to all the saints who from their labors rest, *"Well done good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the Lord."*

Thank you, Fr. Owens, for your presence of holy harmony to so many for so long. May you rest in peace and rise in glory with the saints in light.



Gifts in Honor of Father Owens

Contributions support the John E. Owens Chair in Religion. To make a donation, please call 301-733-9330 or e-mail gnchan@stjames.edu.

Turner Field Dedication



The Turner family (above and upper right) attended the dedication of the new football field during Parents' Weekend. The football and multi-purpose fields were made possible by a generous \$1 million gift from the Turner Family.



Volley for the Cure



This October, Saint James supported two volleyball matches honoring Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The fundraiser, spearheaded by Varsity Coach, Blakeley Jackson (upper, left), was the School's first "Volley for the Cure" event, and supported Breast Cancer Awareness of Cumberland Valley, Inc.

Fall Sports

Saints Earn Fall Conference Accolades

Eight Saint James athletes received recognition from the Independent-Parochial School League (IPSL), a conference in which the Saints compete. The fall IPSL honorees are:

Golf: Patrick Hart

Cross Country: Jake Fishkin, Caleb Goodie, Carl Thomas

Girls Soccer: Kerri Kline, Leanne Ludwick

Boys Soccer: Johnny Ludwick, Therence Mayimba

The Mid-Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAC) is an American high school athletic league composed of private schools in the Washington, D.C. area. Only male teams participate in the conference. The fall MAC honorees are:

Golf: Max Brady, Patrick Hart

Football: Sean Tolton

Boys Soccer: Therence Mayimba

Three Students Sign National Letters of Intent

On Saturday, November 16th, three Saint James athletes signed formal Letters of Intent in front of family, faculty, friends and members of the media.

A National Letter of Intent (NLI) is a binding agreement between a prospective student-athlete and an NLI member institution. A prospective student-athlete agrees to attend the institution full-time for one academic year. The institution agrees to provide athletics financial aid for one academic year.

Madison Fahey signed with Loyola College in Baltimore, MD for lacrosse.

Ms. Fahey is a defender. Last season, she was selected to the All Washington County Team.

Obinna "Obi" Enechionya signed with Temple University in Philadelphia, PA for basketball. He was selected as 2011-2012 County Player of the Year, and First Team All Washington County (2011-12, 2012-13).

Therence Mayimba signed with George Mason University in Fairfax, VA for basketball. Therence is from Gabon, Africa.



Cross Country

Coach Kate Cerruti

The boys cross-country team was coached this year by Kate Cerruti (Head Coach) and Sam Swartz. The team consisted of 29 young men. Eight were sixth formers, with three having competed all of their five years at Saint James.

The award winners for the season were: Varsity – MVP: **Carl Thomas** (sixth form); Coaches' Award: **Brayden**



Bereznay (sixth form); and MIP: **Caleb Goodie** (fifth form).
JV – MVP: **Greg Pierce** (fifth form); Coaches' Award: **Hunter Strauch** (sixth form); and MIP: **Trey Moss** (fourth form).

Team highlights for the invitational and championship meets included finishing first at the Spirit of the Lions Invitational in Woodbine, MD; finishing second in the IPSL championship; and, finishing second in the Interstate Classic in Clear Spring, MD.

In much larger invitationals, the team was very successful in finishing ahead of local schools. In the Mercersburg Invitational, the team finished sixth; and in the Frank Keyser Invitational in Boonsboro, MD, the Saints finished 11th. The team finished ahead of both St. Maria Goretti and Mercersburg Academy and all the local high schools, except for Boonsboro – a first for the runners.



In dual meet competition, the highlights were a perfect score against Brunswick at home, and an almost perfect score against Georgetown Day, letting only one of the other athletes finish second before our other top seven runners finished. During the meet at Smithsburg, the Saints finished first against Smithsburg, Williamsport and



Caleb Goodie and Carl Thomas

Brunswick. During a MAC meet at Potomac School, the team placed second to Potomac, leaving behind

Sidwell Friends, Georgetown Day and Maret. The most impressive meet run, as a team, was the Frank Keyser Invitational, where the top five runners completed the course in 17 minutes – another great accomplishment for the young men.

Varsity

MVP: Carl Thomas

MIP: Caleb Goodie

Coaches' Award: Brayden Bereznay

Junior Varsity

MVP: Greg Pierce

MIP: Trey Moss

Coaches' Award: Hunter Strauch

Varsity Girls' Soccer

Coach Laurie Douglass

After graduating eight seniors from last year's team, it would be easy to describe this season's effort as a "rebuilding" year. However, by distilling the past eleven weeks into a single adjective, you miss out on the incredible scope of the team's growth and the nineteen individual stories that made this year's "rebuilding" season so wildly successful.

Our returning players played a significant role in the team's ability to compete. Two sixth form captains, goalkeeper **Nikki Jenkinson**, and center midfielder **Kerri Kline**, were joined by fourth former, **Leanne Ludwick** in providing leadership, helping to set a positive tone and demanding the best of themselves. Kline and Ludwick combined superb dribbling, passing, shooting and defending skills with an unbelievable work ethic. In the difficult choice of naming a Most Valuable Player, the award went to our statistical leader, Leanne Ludwick, who scored 10 goals and tallied four assists. Jenkinson's solid play in the goal, as well as her dedication to the team, both on and off the field, earned her this season's Coach's Award.

Carter Pennington (third form), the only other returning starter, made the switch from an outside fullback position to the central sweeper position. The move represented a significant step up in responsibility. Pennington anchored the defense using smart, tenacious tactics to thwart opposing offenses.

Four other players including **Emily Teale** (fourth form), **Chandler Marshall** (third form), **Madeline Craft** (fourth form) and **Winnie Chang** (fifth form), jumped at the chance to work their way into the starting line-up and their potential is just beginning to reveal itself. Chang's transformation was perhaps the most stunning. She was

dependable and eager to learn. She approached the challenge with enthusiasm and her own unique charm, earning herself the season's Most Improved Player award.

Six individuals joined the team having never played soccer before and showed tremendous growth. **Camille Mbayo** (sixth form) used her natural athleticism, lightning quick speed and positive attitude to prove her mettle and earn a starting position at outside halfback. **Melissa Novak** (third form) established herself as a formidable outside fullback before being sidelined by injury. **Debbie Otenaike** (fourth form), **Grace Kang** (fourth form), **Vivian Meng** (fifth form) and **Charlotte Caruso** (second form) adjusted gracefully to the steep learning curve that accompanies participating at the varsity level. **Christelle Fayemi** (fifth form) continued her growth as a valuable asset to the team, filling in all over the field.

This year's roster also greatly benefited from the addition of four exciting players in their first year at St. James. **Alexia Tiches** (second form), a passionate, aggressive and competitive young player, earned a starting forward position and contributed two goals and five assists to the stat sheet. **Grace Hotung** (fourth form) worked diligently all season and settled into a starting



Mrs. Douglass, Nikki Jenkinson, Leanne Ludwick, Winnie Chang, Ms. Weida

position and **Bailey Adams** (third form) both filled valuable roles as substitutes, using their varied talents and versatility to play a variety of positions. Both scored key goals for the Saints during the season.

The Saints can be proud of the successful way in which they blended a random assortment of talent levels and soccer backgrounds into a competitive team unit. No matter the circumstances, the team's spirit was never broken.

Many thanks to Assistant Coach Katie Weida, whose insight, wisdom and feedback proved incredibly valuable. Goalkeeper coach Tim Cerruti helped immensely, not only with the goalkeepers, but also in creating a positive team dynamic and environment. And lastly, the team enjoyed the managerial prowess of **Carter Bruns** (fourth form) and **Heather Deiner** (fifth form) in matters both large and small.

MVP: Leanne Ludwick
MIP: Winnie Chang
Coaches' Award: Nikki Jenkinson

position as outside fullback. **Annette Abu** (fifth



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Varsity Boys' Soccer

Coach Evan Solis

The 2013 boys' varsity soccer team was able to maintain its record from last year at 3-14-3. The continued guidance of Coach Solis allowed the team to continue to improve its tactical awareness and technical skill. Although the record is similar to last year's, the results do not demonstrate the level of competitiveness against other teams, especially in the MAC league play. The team improved from a 4.9 goals against average last year, to a 2.6 goals against average this year, while also scoring two more total goals than last year.

With an early tournament win at Grace Academy, the Saints set themselves up to perform well in the season.

However, big injuries took a toll, including a season-ending injury to **Wesley Muys** (fifth form).

Also, **Billy Walendom's** (sixth form) hamstring and fifth former



James Marshall's head injury meant the team never fielded their best starting eleven. Despite this, the Saints remained competitive throughout all of their games, including three ties against MAC opponents (Potomac, GDS, and Maret) who defeated them last year. A lot of this can be attributed to the solid defensive efforts by James Marshall and fifth former **Daani Iqbal**.

The Saints also had an exceptional game against Mercersburg to a tie in regular time, only to lose in sudden death overtime. The play of new comer **Therence Mayimba** (sixth form), which was strong throughout the year, was highlighted in this game by stunting the attacking threats of Mercersburg's best player, a potential Division 1 prospect. Therence's dominance in the midfield, both defensively and offensively, allowed

MVP: Alex Wagner
MIP: Jose Flores-Carrillo
Coaches' Award: Johnny Ludwick

Johnny Ludwick (sixth form) to play the role of goal scorer, as shown by his team-leading seven goals and three assists. Johnny's performance was even more stunning as he played every game through a painful calf strain and with a shoulder injury that will require surgery.

The highlight of the season was a 3-1 victory against St. Maria Goretti, the team's first win against its cross-town rival in four years. **Billy Walendom**, **Ray Chung** (sixth form) and **Therence Mayimba** all scored goals, giving the Saints the spark they needed to finish the season strong. Therence's goal was among the six goals and three assists over the course of the year. Despite missing much of the beginning of the season, Billy finished third in points with five goals and one assist.

Throughout the season, **Alex Wagner** (sixth form) was a stalwart in goal, providing the Saints with a very strong last line of defense. He made some incredible saves in many games, including a last minute penalty save against GDS, which gave the team a



well deserved tie against a strong MAC opponent. He finished the season with an incredible 194 saves in 20 games, an average of 9.7 saves per game. While he let in 52 goals this season, it was an improvement over last year's 82 total goals against.

The Saints started seven seniors this year, all of whom have had a tremendous impact on the soccer program at Saint James. Although their talent and leadership will be sorely missed, they have made an indelible mark on the program. The Saints' overall hard work and effort paid off in the improvement of each player and the team as a whole as the program continues to be more competitive each year.



Johnny Ludwick, Alex Wagner, Jose Flores-Carrillo

JV Boys' Soccer
Coach Ted Camp

The 2013 season was one of great improvement for the JV boys' soccer team. The team won more games, scored more and gave up fewer goals than the previous year. Highlights of the season included sweeping MAC rival Saint Andrew's Episcopal School and IPSL rival Saint John's Catholic Prep, and exciting wins over Berkeley Springs. For the final home game, the Saints enjoyed an exciting 1-0 victory over MAC rival Flint Hill School and a 2-1 victory over Episcopal on the last day of the season. The team also lost close matches, by just one goal, to Sidwell Friends School and twice to Mercersburg Academy.

MVP: Eric Yoon
MIP: Myles Nicholson
Coaches' Award: Philip Megrue

Defensively, the team recorded four shut outs and in five of their matches, they gave up just one goal. The anchor of the Saint's defense was goalie **Tucker Almany** (third form) who played his first full season in goal. He was ably

assisted by fellow third formers **Philip Megrue**, who played sweeper, and **Nick Nelson** who played stopper. Both players, because of their skill and effort, rarely came off the field. They were aided by a platoon of fullbacks including fourth formers **Drake Marshall** and **Grant Springer** and third formers **Myles Nicholson** and **Teddy Batson**, both of whom were relatively new to soccer.

At the midfield, the Saints were led by a group of players who showed both skill and improvement over the course of the season. **Sean Choi** and **Jack Krasny** (both, third form) generally started at the outside half back slots, while the inside half back positions were manned by second formers **Tucker Teale** and **James Carden**, **Hayden Lyles** (third form) and **Andy Ji** (fifth form). Third former **Noel Patterson** also logged a significant number of minutes at the outside half back slot over the course of the season.

Up front, the Saints' attack was spearheaded by **Eric Yoon** (third form) who recorded a "Hat Trick" against Saint John's Catholic Prep and **Alex Kim** (second form), who figured prominently in the sweep of Saint Andrew's Episcopal

School. They were supported by the play of second formers **Gonzalo Uribe** and **Carson Riser** and **William Shin** (fourth form) who also played midfield towards the end of the season.

To the credit of the midfield and forwards, over the course of the season, seven different Saints were able to find the back of the net.



During the season four players, "Tiger" **Hao** (third form), **Eric Han** (second form), **James Cheung** (third form) and **Masahiro Tanaka** (third form), who served as the Reserve Team, supported the team. While they dressed for only home games and saw limited playing time, they showed solid improvement in their skills and knowledge of the game.

Braeden Bottner (third form) and **Lev Oykman** (second form) were injured for most of the season served as the team's managers and line runners.

The successful season will hopefully bode well for the future success of Saint James soccer.

Varsity Field Hockey
Coach Daphne Clyburn

This field hockey season was particularly exciting as it was the inaugural year for the Turner turf field. The girls arrived before and stayed after practice to take advantage of this new top-notch field. We were also thankful that it worked out to share the field with the football team during practices, allowing both teams to maximize turf time. We were joined by Coach Elaine Thurman, a new English teacher at Saint James who played Division I Field Hockey for four years. Her skill and knowledge aided the girls' growth immensely and she has been a pleasure to work with throughout the season. We were also fortunate to have fifth



Lisa Grady, Madison Fahey, Abena Agyeman

former **Doris Xiao** manage the team this year. Her role as "goalie coach" and "bookkeeper" helped the team tremendously.

The team consisted of 16 strong, determined young women. With most players never having played field hockey before coming to Saint James, it can be challenging and frustrating to develop a strong skill

when confronted by teams with players who participate in club teams or go on to play at the collegiate level. Despite this potential road block, our girls continued to work diligently and to improve their skills. Whether it was a dodge, weave, sweep or dive, the girls made strides in their overall development as field hockey players.

This year, our offense consisted of two sixth formers, **Madison Fahey**, captain, and **Karlie Grady**, one fifth former, **Evie Hammer**, and two fourth formers, **Emerson Younger** and **Lydia Radley**. Madison Fahey stood out as our Most Valuable Player this year, scoring 13 out of the 19 total goals and making three assists. This success came from great support from

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the rest of the team. Emerson scored two goals and made three assists. Lydia, Evie, and Karlie all scored one goal

MVP: Madison Fahey
MIP: Abena Agyeman
Coaches' Award: Lisa Grady

respectively. Each forward played an integral role on the forward line and will certainly continue to improve in future seasons.

Our midfield was the most "green" of all the areas on the field, with two new third formers, **Elizabeth Fahey** as right midfielder and **Claire Fulton** in the center, as well as returner **Louise Dickinson** on the left. These three ladies ran their hearts out and improved significantly in their passes and receptions. Claire took on an exceptionally challenging job as center mid and rose to the challenge with grace and determination. Each of these girls contributed significantly, with Elizabeth and Louise both scoring one goal, and Claire making one assist. All three will be a force to be reckoned with in the upcoming season.

With many games that required us to play defensively, it was crucial that our defense be solid. Sixth former **Lisa Grady**

stepped into a new position this year as stopper (the highest point on the defense diamond), and took on the role with force to the point that she made two assists throughout the season. She was also awarded the Coaches' Award at the end of the season for her spirit and hard work. We were lucky to have two returning fifth formers, Captain **Grace Fulton** and **Grace McFillen**, who both dominated on defense. Fulton has the uncanny ability to carry the ball all the way up into the offensive circle, blasting through any defender in front of her, and McFillen's 16-yard hit is like a cannon shooting up the field. These two will play an integral role in the team's defense next year. We were also joined by five defensive players from JV, sixth formers **Abby Agyeman**, **Bolaji Awofiranye** and **Hannah Jin**, as

well as fifth former **Helen Liu**, and fourth former, **Carissa**



Falanga, the team's goalie.

Abby stood out in her improvement throughout the season, eventually earning herself a steady starting position at right back because of her hustle and hard work both in practice and in games. All girls worked on getting their sticks low and improving their blocks, tackles and jabs, helping them make crucial saves in every game. Carissa showed tremendous improvement as a goalie, making an aerial save and even diving (a goal of hers) in the last game. She made a total of 72 saves throughout the season.

Looking back upon the past three months, I feel proud to have watched each of our players grow and change. Their spirit and determination are humbling and inspiring.

JV Field Hockey

Coach Ann Eickelberg

The JV field hockey team had a big season this year and made a lot of growth, both individual members and the team as a whole. Almost all of the girls came into the season picking up a field hockey stick for the first time ever; but, after a week of preseason they were ready for their first game. The girls made huge improvements each time they played. We had our first tie at Madeira, our second game, and got our first goal during our third game. The team was able to see that its hard work and dedication had paid off.

Our defense was a large part of our team and held strong through every game, especially against Bullis, where the Saints were able to keep them scoreless the entire first half. The defense was anchored by our incredible goalie,

Coco Peng (fourth form), who had a career high of 32 saves against Foxcroft. She stepped into goal for the first time this year

MVP: Coco Peng
MIP: Adyson Kurtz
Coaches' Award: Hannah Lee

and exceeded all expectations. In front of Coco was a solid defense, including **Marisa Pena** (fourth form), **Lili Winget** (third form), **Sissi Yang** (fourth form) and **Claire Zimmermann** (third form). All four of the girls worked together and kept a powerful guard in front of our goal. Our athletic midfield line, consisting of second formers **Adyson Kurtz** and **Kendall Kothari**, allowed us to have help all over the field. The two players assisted wherever they were needed and carried the ball up the field. The forwards, including third formers **Naydia Rowe**, **Hannah Lee** and **Heather Deiner** (fifth form) were our play makers. The three of them fought hard for our goals and pressured the

opposing defense during each game. The Most Valuable Player award was given to Coco Peng for her amazing

efforts in goal and her outstanding performances during close games. She was someone the team trusted in any situation. Our Coaches' Award was given to Hannah Lee, who scored our first goal this season. She was a dedicated player who always was excited to play and worked extra hours to improve her skills. Our Most Improved Award was given to Adyson Kurtz who was a powerful midfielder for the team. She improved her skills each day and became a huge force on the field.

The 2013 JV field hockey season is one to be remembered. The girls improved their record and have started their field hockey careers at Saint James on a great note.

Varsity Football

Coach John Root

"Tradition Starts Today" was this year's theme for the Saint James football team. A new staff took charge of the team with the goal of building a program that consistently fields competitive teams at both the varsity and junior varsity levels. The JV and varsity teams practiced together so that all players received the same coaching. The varsity players helped the younger Saints improve. Although the varsity team did not contend for the MAC title and finished with a record of three wins and five losses, much progress was made and the future is bright for Saint James football.

There are not many high school football teams that play without a single player weighing over 200 pounds, but that was the first challenge the 2013 Saints faced. The young men who were up to the challenge of joining the starting line were **Sam Baker** (sixth form), **Henry Meehan** (fifth form), **Sean Tolton** (fifth form), **David Emma-Makeri** (fifth form), **Tyler George**

(fifth form), **Mark Wright** (sixth form) and **Adam Zhang** (sixth form).

The skill positions were dominated by sixth formers **Justin Pank** and **Sherman Harris**. Justin's hard hitting, north and south run style is one that is hard to replace. Sherman Harris started the season as a wide-out but later moved to the quarterback position.

Garett Blank (sixth form) began the season as the starting quarterback, a drastic position change from the previous year when he played defensive tackle. Garett was injured in the game against Saint John's Catholic and missed most of the rest of the season. Sixth former **Scott Manesh** played in three defensive positions and also as quarterback. Fifth formers **Noah Cisse**, **Ryker Dutton**, **Grant Tribble** and **Isayah Young-Burke**, as well as **Cole Menas** (third form) and **Alec Wingerd** (sixth form) worked in at a variety of positions. **Ryan Abbott** (sixth form) did a



fantastic job handling kicking duties for the Saints.

The Maryland Central Christian Crusaders were the Saints' first opponent of the 2013 season. This marked the first game played on the beautiful new turf football field which came about from a donation by the Turner family.

The Saints cannot be accurately judged based upon their win-loss record alone since this does not touch on what made this team special. The win and loss column will never show how our players improved as both individuals and as a team, or how they made sacrifices every day at practice. The record books will not note the selflessness of numerous players who moved from their natural positions because it was what was best for the team, or how our players returned to the gridiron after sustaining injuries that many might consider career-ending. Our team members worked hard every day, contributing in ways that don't show up in a statistical column.

The Most Improved Player Award could have gone to several players; but, when the coaches looked at how **Kevin Cooper** (sixth form) made the switch from defensive back to nose-guard and routinely stuffed opposing quarterbacks, the choice became clear. "Coop" will be a source of inspiration

MVP: Justin Pank and Sherman Harris
MIP: Kevin Cooper
Coaches' Award: Sean Tolton



Sherman Harris, Justin Pank, Kevin Cooper, Sean Tolton

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for future players when coaches talk about the 138-pound nose tackle who made a difference.

For the Coaches' Award, one young man ultimately stood out from the rest. Sean Tolton consistently played at a high-level and was a player who could be counted on as a leader on the field. He embodies what every coach wants. He worked hard in practice, studied the game and always had a positive attitude. Sean has a bright future ahead of him.

By definition, the Most Valuable Player Award should go to the player who means the most to the team. It was obvious that Justin Pank and

Sherman Harris are impact players in every sense of the word. Justin is quiet, avoids the spotlight and at times seems indestructible. Sherman has the physical tools to play at the next level. He was an immediate threat to score anytime he touched the ball on offense; and, in his safety position, he directed the defense. Sherman stepped in to the quarterback position and provided an instant spark to the team. Both Justin and Sherman rarely came off of the field and when they did, the team was weaker in their absence. Justin and Sherman are players you cannot replace. You can only move on.



JV Football

Coach Robert Wineski

On October 14th, the JV football team ended the season on a high note with a 35-6 victory over Mercersburg Academy. This win included offensive touchdowns from three different players:

Levi Schindel (fourth form) rushed for two scores, **Victor Rose-Smith** (second form) added another on the ground, and **Cole Menas** (third form) hauled in a touchdown pass from fourth form quarterback **Ethan Spicher**. Not to be outdone, **Parker Tribble** (second form) logged a touchdown for the defense after intercepting a ball and returning it nearly fifty yards to put the game away for the visiting Saints. It was a dominating performance punctuated by a statement made by the players, coaches and fans as the final seconds ticked away: "We've come so far this year."

The season began to take shape during the first week of school when a group of athletes with varying experience (mostly none) took the field to play a sport that personifies the high school experience in America. During the dog days of August,

they began to learn the basics while simultaneously searching for their roles on the larger varsity team. Unlike schools with larger roster numbers, our JV players did not have the luxury of sitting back and learning under upperclassmen for a year or two. Instead, they were immediately thrown into competition with these players. Without the JV's effort in practice, our varsity would not have progressed as far as it did this season.

The JV's own progress was certainly slow at first. The first two games were learning experiences against much more seasoned teams. Though they resulted in losses, the players' unlimited enthusiasm and optimism allowed them to build on the good from each of those games and learn from their mistakes.

Missed blocking assignments on the offensive line became a rarity as third former **Armando Alvarez**, **Timmy Awofiranye** (second form), **James Liu** (fourth form), **James Cheung** (third form), and fifth formers **Nick Tiches** and **Austin Corace** began to play as a single unit and to open

up holes for our running backs.

Isayah Young-Burke (fifth form) was nearly unstoppable, rushing behind this group of lineman, and had no shortage of highlight reel runs during the season. **Levi Schindel** and **Lukas Pank** (fourth form) played thunder to Young-Burke's lightning throughout the year and grinded out the tough yards needed to propel our team forward.

Ethan Spicher led the aerial attack and spread the ball around to a myriad of different receivers including Cole Menas, **Zach Leslie** (fourth form), **Colin Williams** (second form) and **Kofi Agyeman** (third form).

Though all of these players ended up playing on both sides of the ball, linebackers **Parker Tribble** and **Kaelin Thrasher** (fifth form) anchored a defense that saw improvement after each game. Their toughness personified the team as a whole and culminated in a dominating performance against Mercersburg at the end of the season.

Toughness and passion. These are two things the JV football team brought to the field each and every day. It is this passion that will set the tone for Saint James football in the years to come.

MVP: Isayah Young-Burke
MIP: Levi Schindel
Coaches' Award: Ethan Spicher

Varsity Girls' Volleyball

Coach Blakeley Jackson & Co-Coach Kevin Heffelfinger

The Saints enjoyed a strong season, making it to fourth place in the IPSL for the first time in many years and ending with a 10-9 record. There were many highlights, particularly the October 10th "Volley for the Cure" match against Berkeley Springs. Not only did we defeat the Warriors, we raised almost \$400 for the Breast Cancer Awareness-Cumberland Valley Chapter. The players came out fast against the Warriors with **McKenna Hough** scoring five aces and 15 kills, **Kim Wooster** recording eight aces and 11 kills, and setter **Ellie Williams** recording 28 assists.

MVP: Kim Wooster
MIP: Lauren Samans
Coaches' Award: Ayesha Khokhar

Another highlight was the match against Spring Mills (coached by Ms. Jackson's sister). Although the Saints lost, the matches were close. Both teams preformed very well with some volleys lasting for 10 exchanges.

Monique Carvalho (sixth form) was always willing to lend a hand, to explain something or to volunteer for a drill. She never gave up. Her motto: "try, try and try again." Fifth former **Ellie Williams** was like a firecracker – jumping and twisting all over the court. This year, she brought a calmer presence and



played a vital role for the team. The team would not be complete without her. Fellow sixth former

Candice Yang was a natural leader with an ability to think before reacting and to put a positive spin on every situation. We chose Candace as a captain for these reasons. Her level-headedness and sincerity served the team well. **Maddie Guillard** (sixth form) was also chosen as a captain. Maddie has long wished to be taller so she could be a front row hitter. However, being a defensive specialist in the back row is just as, if not more important, because a hitter can't hit if a passer doesn't pass the ball.

Fifth former **Kathryn McEvoy** was nicknamed "Tink" after Tinker Bell. Her ready smile and "can-do" attitude have been greatly appreciated. Although she didn't see as much court time as she may have liked, she will serve a vital role in our defense next year. **Meredith Day** (third form), although an underclassman, was selected to play on the varsity team because of her potential. She evolved this season and will be a great addition to the mix next year.

McKenna Hough (fifth form) was nicknamed the "princess." One of the team's top hitters, her ability to float around the court made her a tremendous asset to the team. This strong young woman can accomplish anything when she puts her mind to it. **Sophie Abeles** (fourth form) coined and often repeated the phrase, "I got you coach." She



Ayesha Khokhar, Lauren Samans, Kim Wooster

played opposite Ellie this year because eventually she will be the team's main setter. She was always willing to try something different or to play a new position and continues to grow and evolve. Her serves could be counted on to generate points.

Sixth former standout **Lauren Samans** made a point of saying, "thanks coach" after every practice. This small gesture is rare among students and meant a great deal. Lauren has come a long way in her three years of volleyball, making remarkable improvements. This honest, trustworthy player always gave 100 percent. Kim Wooster, also sixth form, came to Saint James last year and was selected as a floor captain this year. Kim kept the line-up straight in her head and played a vital role in the team's offense. Always trying to stay one step ahead, Kim was in constant movement on the court and developed successful jump serves. She transitioned flawlessly and always tried her best.

Ayesha Khokhar (sixth form) was the libero, which means she was able to play in the back row at any time and for any player. She became very good at delivering passes right on target. Despite not having much time on the court, she never complained, and even offered terrific suggestions. She would make an excellent coach.

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JV Volleyball

Coach Hannah Gold

The JV volleyball team had a great season with significant progress as a team and as individual players. We had many girls brand new to volleyball, who, over the course of

the season, were able to learn the fundamentals and contribute on the court. Our returning players acted as strong leaders, with **Hannah McMullin** (fourth form) and **Giuliana Gentile** (third form) serving as team

MVP: Hannah McMullin
MIP: Kerr Ko
Coaches' Award: Giuliana Gentile

captains. We had a competitive season, with notable victories over Sidwell, Spring Mills and Foxcroft, to name a few. Overall, it was a very fun season and we're looking forward to next year.

Golf

Coach Karl Yergey

As the 2013 golf season dawned, Mr. Brady, our second-year assistant coach, and I were excited about this team's potential. Five sixth formers and one fifth former – each with multiple years of match or tournament experience under their belts – seemed to hold the golfing world in their fingertips. Yet, as I noted in the *Herald-Mail's* season preview, this group could either “establish a legacy” or race to the finish of the season hoping to “get it over with” as a result of outside distractions. Truth be told, both comments were prescient; the 2013 squad garnered well-played victories against tough opponents while also inexplicably underachieving at times.

MVP: Patrick Hart and Max Brady
MIP: Steven Hart
Coaches' Award: None

One strange statistic tells the tale of the season: on Tuesdays, the 2013 squad went 9-6 when playing matches or tournaments, but had a losing record of

seven wins against eight losses when playing on any other day of the week. What contributed to these “on again, off again” performances remains a mystery. Fortunately, some of this year's key matches and the MAC Tournament fell on Tuesdays; and while an overall record of 16 wins and 14 losses tells the tale of “slightly above average,” there were in fact, some “legacy” highlights.

In victories over St. Maria Goretti at Beaver Creek Country Club in late August and Bishop Walsh at Whitetail Golf Resort in early October, the Saints tied or bettered marks for low-team scores from the last seven years. Propelled by All-MAC players **Patrick Hart** (sixth form) (tied 5th) and **Max Brady** (sixth form) (tied 9th), the Saints finished third in the 2013 MAC Tournament, just three strokes out of second place. The team's third place finish marked the highest finish in the MAC Tournament of any Saint James team in my seven years as head coach. Each of these key significant performances were “total team efforts.” In addition to Patrick and Max, **Ben Holland** (fifth form) and sixth formers **Breese Dickinson**, **Holden Hershey** and **Steven Hart** each contributed important scores for the team and overall outcomes. Given that the Saints played inconsistently throughout the season, their third place finish in the MAC



Tournament was not only surprising, but a testament to what this group of young men could accomplish if and when they put their minds to the task at-hand. Had the team which teed-it up on Tuesday, October 15th at the MAC Tournament taken the tee each and every match, this squad might have achieved a very different result.

While the above named players represented Saint James in each of the 2013 matches, four young men worked hard with Mr. Brady on the driving range to improve their skills and prepare for the 2014 campaign. Perhaps the brightest star of the group – and someone who might challenge for an individual MAC Tournament title at some point in his career – is second former **Andrew Shen**, who brings experience and a good golf swing to the table. Beginning golfers **Colin Sappenfield** (fourth form), **Robert Walker** (third form) and **Jacob Yang** (third form) each worked hard with Mr. Brady to improve grip, stance and swing so that they, too, might contribute in the coming years.



Mr. Brady, Steven Hart, Max Brady, Patrick Hart, Mr. Yergey



Golfers Come Out to Support the 18th Annual Saint James School Golf Classic

Marking the transition from summer to fall is an event that has drawn Saint James golf enthusiasts for 18 years. The annual Golf Classic tournament, sponsored by the Alumni Council, is a fundraiser that brings together golfers of all ages to enjoy an afternoon of (friendly) competition, camaraderie and just plain fun.

On Monday, September 23rd, 84 golf enthusiasts came out under brilliant blue skies to play in the tournament at Cress Creek Country Club in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. The event, which supports the Saint James School scholarship fund, presented golfers with a variety of challenges and prize opportunities as they “looped” the course.

Alumni Council President, Randy Finn '89 served as Golf Chairman, working closely with event planners Margaret McGuigan and Gyra Chan, from the school's Development and Alumni Relations Office, and a committee of Saint James School staff and alumni, to plan the event.

“The event would not have been possible without the many generous sponsors who contributed to the event. The outpouring of support was incredible,” said Mr. Finn. “Individuals, businesses and organizations contributed cash awards, prizes, including a Mercedes, and financial donations. Their generosity will ensure continued scholarship support for deserving Saint James students.”

More than 38 sponsors contributed to the event, raising nearly \$20,000 – an achievement that would not have been possible without the committee

members and volunteers who made the day such a success. Here are the volunteers and the day's results:

Committee Members

Randy Finn '89, Laura Day '99, Sid Hugnenin '01, Charlie Tiches '81, Jamie Holzapfel '02, Jeff Woods, Margaret McGuigan, Gyra Chan and Gay Miner.

Volunteers

Neil and Michelle Treger, Laura Day, Haven Younger, Christine Abbott, Hugh Replogle '57, Effie Kallas, Melody Batson, Karla McNamee and Ellen Davis.

The Winners

Overall Net:
Toby Bereznay
Ryan Johnston
Don Risser
Simon Thompson

Overall Gross:

John Nitzell
Trey Alter
Jack Helms
Randy Finn

Closest to the Hole:

Toby Bereznay

Longest Drive:

Elaine Morris (women)
Jamie Richard (men)

Alumni Post-Game BBQ

In October, Saint James hosted an outdoor BBQ dinner amidst vibrant leaves and clear skies to celebrate and appreciate alumni. Alumni of all ages were joined by staff, faculty and other friends of the school. The dinner followed an exciting varsity football game against Potomac that, unfortunately, ended in defeat for the Saints. Nevertheless, everyone had a great time and enjoyed wonderful food and company.





Alumni Weekend 2014: Make Plans to Join Us for Fun & Festivities, April 25-27, 2014



Mark your calendars for Alumni Weekend 2014.

Highlights will include:

- 5, 10, 15 and 20-year reunion luncheon with Father Dunnan
- 50th Reunion: Class of 1964
- Family Activities
- Athletic Teams in Action
- Half-Century Club Reception
- Alumni Awards Dinner
- Student Art Exhibit
- Eucharist & Brunch

Details will be made available this winter.
Please also check www.stjames.edu/AlumniEvents for updates.



[class notes]

1939

Admiral James L. Holloway III USN (Retired) published a book entitled, *Aircraft Carriers at War* in 2007. The book was recently translated into Chinese and published in China.

1950

Walter W. Rule, Jr. has five children, nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. He is still living in S.W. Colorado and working on historical preservation, trails and conservation. He retired in 1986 from the U.S. Forest Service in Asheville, NC. Mr. Rule visits North and South Carolina once or twice a year.

1952

William J. Fetter, Jr. has been busy traveling. Excluding the United States, where his travels are extensive, he has been to 27 foreign countries, 19 foreign islands, and 79 cities and towns for business and pleasure.

1966

Frederick D. Hunt is semi-retired, but starting his 40th year on the cutting edge of national health policy and trends thereof (glutton for punishment). He splits his time between Bethesda and Annapolis. Mr. Hunt has two married sons and spoils his grand dogs shamelessly.

1969

Gene "Alan" Akers retired from nursing after 30 years and is still living in West Virginia, raising livestock and grandchildren.

1979

J. Lanier Frank was honored to attend the All Saints Day service, reception and dinner in honor of Father Owens. The added bonus of seeing **Keith Byron** ('79) and **Douglass "Tad" Cochran** ('79) was icing on the cake. Father Dunnan has done a wonderful job.

1999

Hilton C. Smith IV and his wife **Janene Boyce Smith** ('99) continue to live in Charlestown, SC with their daughter Violet. Violet is going to be three in January and is doing great! They celebrated their eight-year anniversary on October 8, 2013.

2000

Jessica M. Beck, Ph.D. is teaching at Canterbury Christ Church University, at Canterbury in Kent, England in the Music and Performance Arts Department. A chapter Beck wrote entitled "Theatre, performance and 'the century of the brain': Influences of cognitive neuroscience on professional theatre practice" was included in the textbook *Medicine, Health and the Arts: Approaches to the Medical Humanities*, edited by Victoria Bates, Alan Bleakley and Sam Goodman, which was recently published by Routledge.

2004

Stuart Keagan lives in Richmond, Virginia where he works as one of the lead carpenters for a high-end cabinet and architectural millwork shop called Custom Woodwork, Inc. He has spent the last five years woodworking professionally with the intent to open his own custom furniture shop in the near future.

Hana Stecova lives in Philadelphia, PA where she is a nurse for the medical-surgery rehabilitation unit. She also periodically travels to Kenya, Africa with her non-profit organiza-



tion Amkeny (www.Amkeny.org). Hana and her organization organize free medical camps that treat more than 1,200 patients, educate, feed children and provide toys, clothing and hygiene products. The organization also offers HIV/AIDS counseling and women's health services.

YoonSung Han finished his masters at Columbia in 2010 before moving back to Korea where he works for Hankook Tire as a polymer engineer. He has recently seen **Francis Jones, Joonseong Kim, Jeff Han** and **Jae-Woo Lee**.

John Gahan recently moved from Azerbaijan to Kazan, Russia in May, where he is teaching English. He served with the Peace Corps in Azerbaijan from 2009-2011 and has been living abroad since he completed his service.

Dave Hammond is the Art Director for LiveHealthier, a lifestyle brand focused on EAP services and management solutions that focus on healthy living. Dave lives in Georgetown, Washington D.C. and passed his Ski Patrol exam in October. So, you will find him patrolling the slopes at Whitetail this winter.

Chris Hartley lives in Lebanon, NH where he is a second year pathology resident at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He completed his MD UAT at Wake Forest University in 2012.

Whitney Kimmel lives in Miami, FL



and is graduating with an MBA from the University of Miami. She recently competed in and won the school's business plan competition for a new line of university-inspired footwear called KOLYR that will launch this winter (www.KOLYR.com). She is currently the E-Commerce and Digital Marketing Supervisor for Karisma Hotels & Resorts.

Lisa Kmonicek lives and works in Charlotte, NC where she teaches children with moderate to severe disabilities at Northeast Middle School. She is an active member of the Charlotte community.



Bitsy Kopp-Brown married college sweetheart Tyler Brown on July 13th, 2013. Saint James School alumni **Peter Bonds, Laurel M-O Weijer, and Jennifer Sherman (Faculty)** were in attendance, and twin **Kappie Kopp** was maid of honor. Bitsy and Tyler live in Richmond, VA with their two cats, Baxter and Murderdeath. Bitsy is in her second year at Virginia Commonwealth University, where she is pursuing a Master's of Occupational Therapy to work with children. She will finish in December 2014 after completing six months of fieldwork starting next summer.

Matt Orfalea is a video editing specialist, currently working at charter schools and public schools in Los Angeles, CA teaching students animation and internet management. After sustaining an

overuse injury to the ulnar nerve in his arm from working at a computer, he is trying to scale back on his time spent in front of a computer, but continues to curate his own YouTube channel at www.YouTube.com/ORF.

Jenn Iuliano Robinson lives in Winchester, VA with her husband Jason Robinson. They have been married for a year-and-a-half and are expecting their first child this March. Jenn works as a fitness specialist at a local wellness center.

Bobby Zayas owns a boutique marketing company in Hagerstown, Maryland and plans to expand into

the Northeast, North and South Carolina in the near future. He is currently in a long-term relationship and enjoys spending time close to his SJS roots.

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Profiles in Giving

Dr. Kasey C. Kesselring '86 and his brother, Mr. Kyle Kesselring '82, generously donated goal posts for the new turf football field in memory of their parents, James A. and Ellen I. Kesselring. The donation was made in recognition of the couple, who held a deep appreciation for Saint James School and for the athletics program.



In Memoriam

Betty Minor Crews, 84, died Saturday, July 27, 2013, at Meritus Medical Center. She is survived by her daughter, Janice McWilliams and husband, Dr. Wayne McWilliams; four grandchildren; and, her brother, Gerald Edward Minor.

William Stump '42, a veteran Baltimore editor and journalist, died of pneumonia on October 23, 2013 in Towson, Maryland. The former Baltimore Sun editor is survived by his son and daughter, his brother, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Frank Sloan Harris '56, died on November 6, 2013 at the Winchester Medical Center in Virginia. He lived in Hillsboro, Virginia and is survived by his wife Katherine, his son and daughter, and five grandchildren.



Saving the Forest for the Trees



A Saint James Alumnus Takes
Conservation to New Heights,
Serving as a Leader for Good in the World





We live in a society that venerates human ingenuity, paying homage to the architects of our advancement such as Steve Jobs and Bill Gates in the world of technology. Yet, what of the visionaries who have dedicated their lives to environmental stewardship and to raising awareness about the care of our planet and its plant and animal species? Thanks to a rising ethos of environmentalism over the past five decades, aided by the advent of video and social media, we are increasingly being made aware of the world around us and of our inextricable connection to it.

Joining the ranks of conservationists serving as “leaders for good in the world,” are several Saint James alumni. On these pages, and in the next several issues of the *Review*, we will profile graduates who are building reputations as eco-visionaries, staking their claims internationally and raising awareness about the importance of our role as stewards of the Earth. Our journey begins in Costa Rica where we will meet Matt Hogan ('92) and his wife, Erica, founders of a 600-acre community known as Finca Bellavista, which translates to “beautiful estate.”

Finca Bellavista

In the rugged south Pacific coastal region of Costa Rica, nestled in the Talamanca mountain range, is one of the most biologically diverse places on the planet. The region is home to more than 9,000 plant species, over 1,000 kinds of butterflies and more than 200 types of reptiles and amphibians, not to mention monkeys, Macaws, sloths...and, a community of semi-arboreal humans who live high above, and yet in perfect harmony with, their surroundings.

Finca Bellavista, a residential



To support the treehouses without harming the trees, the couple use artificial limbs (which grow with and become like a branch to the tree), suspension and cantilevering, which allow the trees to continue to grow and thrive.

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treehouse community established by the Hogans in 2006, provides a unique window into the lush tapestry of color, sound and extraordinary biodiversity of the surrounding rainforest. At Finca Bellavista, residents and visitors are always guaranteed a room with a view.

“Today, we have around 25 structures on-site, which includes the community buildings (dining hall, rancho), food production nurseries, privately owned treehouses and cabins, storage areas and an office,” said Erica. “We currently have five treehouses, with two more under construction and three more planned for 2014.”

The property, a combination of reclaimed pastureland and primary and secondary primary growth rainforest, sits at an elevation of between 650 and 1,400 feet, encompasses two whitewater rivers, and is populated by trees that have graced the finca for nearly two centuries – trees lofty and strong enough to support wooden structures with all the comforts of home – a living room, bedrooms, a kitchen, bathroom and terraces with views over much of the Fila Cruces range.

“We wanted to create a whimsical and magical place for people to live and thrive in the rainforest, while being responsible stewards of this land,” said the couple. The rustic community, with its gardens, river overlooks and mountain vistas, has become a paradise for not only residents who own private parcels, but for students and eco-tourists as well. The retreat can accommodate individual visitors and groups of up to 35 who are looking for an opportunity to connect with the natural surroundings.

Finding the Finca



Access within the community is via ground trails, or, for high fliers, the “SkyTrail Network,” a series of ziplines that allow travel between treehouses.

Seven years ago, the Hogans dreamed more simply. Their vision? To own a small vacation home in the tropics that would serve as a respite from their primary residence in Gunnison, Colorado. So, it came as something of a surprise to find themselves enchanted, not by a turnkey getaway, but by a dense expanse of rainforest – astonishing in its beauty and grandeur – but costly, large and unwieldy.

“At the time, it was being marketed as a timber harvest site,” said the couple. “We knew that it would be a travesty to clear cut this land (again) and we felt compelled to ‘save’ it and get it off the market and essentially out of the danger zone.”

In order to afford the 62-acre site, the couple had to think creatively. “What about building a treehouse?” they wondered. Could they avoid concrete and choose renewable (and re-claimed) materials in order to reduce their ecological footprint? Then

came the inspired idea of building not just one treehouse, but inviting friends to invest in the property, coming together to support what would become a “treehome” community.

The first two years, according to the couple, were filled with struggle and doubt as they confronted an economic downturn and a variety of financial and legal challenges. “If you would have told me six years ago that we would be doing this, I would have said you were crazy. We didn’t have experience or backgrounds in real estate development, didn’t know Spanish, and nobody had ever created a treehouse community before,” according to Erica. “Persistence and patience were paramount in making it through that critical time, and continue to allow our community to evolve.”

A Saint James Foundation

Matt credits Saint James School for laying the groundwork for his vision



No two houses are the same. Some are accessed with stairs or ground-level entries while others require a bridge to cross the threshold. The tallest treehouse is perched 90 feet off the forest floor.

and for helping him to develop the self-discipline and strength of character necessary to realize his vision. “My years at SJS played a huge role in developing who I am today,” said Matt.

Saint James, he continued, “taught me how to be an independent thinker and provided the necessary structure for me to be well-organized.” Science classes “made me want to explore the planet and to strive for balance between our needs as human beings, while doing so with a respect and sound environmental stewardship for the planet,” he continued.

“The friendships I made at SJS have been the strongest and longest-lasting bonds I have made during my life. Getting to meet (and live in close proximity to) so many people from so many different parts of the planet not only piqued my interest to travel the world, but also provided me with a bunch of friends in exotic locales to go and visit,” said Matt.

Yet, even with an excellent education and the support of family and friends, the (off the beaten) path toward the couple’s dreams has not been without a few potholes.

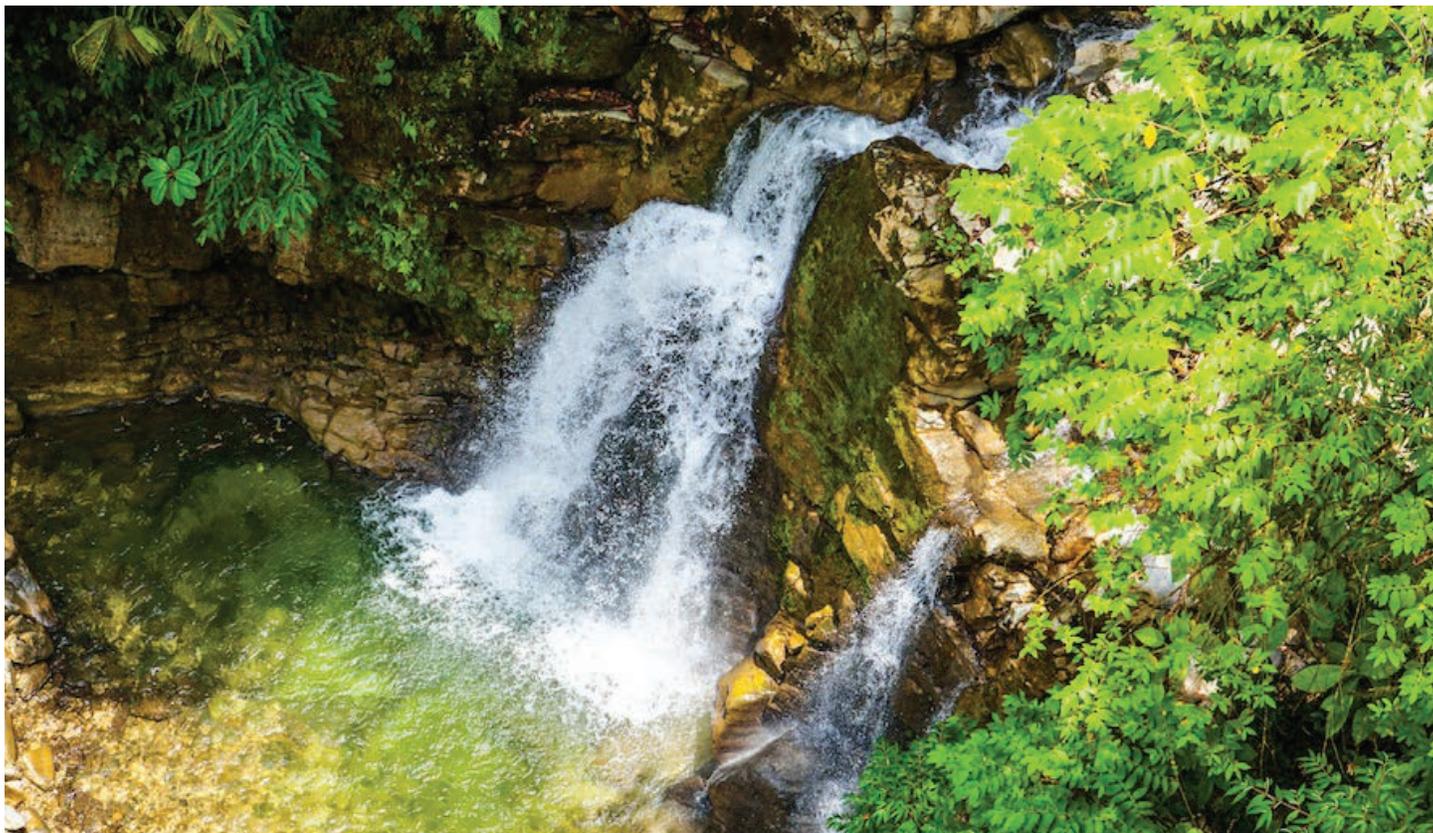
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Most of the construction materials come from sustainably harvested teak and timber plantations. All units must utilize rainwater catch or springwater collection for water needs and process waste through a biodigester. Renewable energy sources provide electricity.



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Stunning waterfalls running through lush rainforest provide a magical backdrop for this off-the-grid locale.

Conservation in Action

Although surrounded by many of the country's national parks and conservation areas, slash and burn agricultural practices, deforestation and the poaching of endangered species, remain just a few of the threats that the couple (and the country) continue to confront. Portions of the estate were once cleared for logging and agricultural use. And while Hogan's community is now protected and can once again serve as a critical passageway for wildlife migration, these remain ever-present concerns—even in a country that has managed to conserve a relatively large proportion of its land.

In order to grow their community to its present 600 acres and to extend their range of protection, the Hogans have purchased additional farms where

timber was being harvested. "Everything we do at Finca Bellavista is done with consciousness, caution and care guided by our personal beliefs," according to Matt and Erica. "We've started by selectively harvesting and thinning homogenous, planted tree zones and replanting them with native trees and fruiting plants which encourages terrestrial and aerial animal migrations to further the land's biodiversity."

Creating Community

Planting the seeds required to establish a flourishing (human) community has also been a priority for the couple. Over the past six years, Finca Bellavista has expanded to include local residents, many of whom also work at the retreat, and friends with a similar vision and values.

The group, although diverse, is united by a love and appreciation for the natural world, a commitment to protect it and the fortitude to invest the energy required to uphold a sustainable lifestyle—reducing energy consumption, emissions and waste, conserving water, eating local foods.... "Those are the kinds of people that this place attracts," said Matt, "and we've been extremely lucky to find such a variety of people who hold many of the same values."





Post bachelor students at Western State Colorado University's (the couple's alma mater) Center for Environmental Studies can earn their Masters in Environmental Management (MEM) at Finca Bellavista. The program, which includes ecology, natural resource management and sustainable community practices, prepares students for careers in environmental development, conservation, land management and other environmental careers. To learn more about MEM, head to www.western.edu/mem

Currently, the couple is focused on food production and helping to foster a more sustainable food culture in the region. Their goal is to purchase provisions from within a five-mile radius, and to grow and produce the majority of the community's food onsite. After that, developing a higher education facility to facilitate research that will further conservation efforts in the area is a high priority.

The Hogans' dream of protecting and caring for their piece of paradise ultimately depends on people – on the next generation of conservationists and on the support of those with a deep and abiding commitment to caring for the environment. "It's our goal to improve the health and fate of this particular swath of rainforest for future generations," said the couple.

"Hopefully," concluded the Saint James alumnus, "the same friends and their families who have hosted me for a visit in the past will now allow me to return the favor by visiting Finca Bellavista."



To learn more about Finca Bellavista, to donate to the community, or to plan a treetop stay, please visit fincabellavista.com.



Erica and Matt Hogan. Matt attended Saint James from 1988 until the fall of 1991.



Former Saint James School Trustee, Robert Packer Linderman Frick, 98, of Nazareth, Pennsylvania, died on May 15, 2013. Robert, or Bob Frick, as he was known, graduated from St. James School in 1934 and earned a bachelor’s degree from Moravian College in 1949. During his time at Saint James, this creative and industrious student designed the school’s seal which is still in use.

Many remember Bob Frick as Secretary of the Saint James Board of Trustees, and later as a Trustee emeritus in 2003. His awards include the St. James Alumni Award, the Liberty Bell Shrine Award and the Jacobsburg Lifetime Achievement Award. He is survived by his sister, seven nieces and nephews, 20 great-nieces and nephews and 29 great-grandnieces and nephews.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Coast Guard and was stationed in New Guinea. The antiquarian and collector enjoyed a long career in museum and restoration work, serving as curator of Decorative Arts for Old Bethpage Village on Long Island, and director of the Mark Twain House in Hartford, CT.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, June 4, in the Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Father Dunnan delivered the following homily.

A Homily at the Funeral of Robert P. L. Frick
By the Revd. Dr. D. Stuart Dunnan
Cathedral Church of the Nativity
June 4, 2013

“Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.”
(2 Corinthians 4.17)

In nomine...
Bob Frick was one of the first alumni of Saint James I met. I had just arrived as a very young headmaster, and the Development Director at that time arranged for us to meet for lunch at the Fountainhead Country Club in Hagerstown. As I recall, the Development Director had an “agenda,” but so did Bob, and Bob won.
It was amusing to watch the School’s very first Development Director (although the title was something very different back then) and the present Director engage in a sparring conversation. It became very clear from the start that Bob was the one who loved the school, knew all about the school, and had a clear sense of what needed to be done.

Bob of course went on to be a trustee and then trustee emeritus and a real leader in the school’s revival; the Development Director left at the end of the year.

And Bob’s project? It was to build a “porch” to face the front doors as you entered Claggett Hall, so that you would be drawn visually out towards the Bai Yuka, which is the spring behind Claggett that feeds a scenic pond.

And typically, when we built that porch, Bob refused to have it named the “Frick Porch,” as I proposed in my enthusiasm, but rather named it in honor of the class of 1934, which is always what he did when he gave a gift to the school; he always gave in memory of his class, of which he was in the end the lone survivor.

When I first came in 1992, there were still a few old boys of that era who could keep Bob company and remember the quiet little country boarding school they shared in their youth and their beloved “Mr. O.” They spoke particularly fondly of Sunday afternoons wandering the surrounding countryside and visiting

the local farmers, riding their horses and being invited in for a slice of pie and fresh milk.

Bob founded something called the “Campus Improvement Society” for those of them who did not like sports, and he and Bob Venables (who was three years younger) would tell me stories about how they planned gardens and bricked walkways and then proceeded to build them.

Bob was the artist of the group, and we still have a map of the school which he drafted, and we use of course “the patch” which he designed: a white “S” and a “J” on red in the upper left and lower right quadrants for Saint James with two crusader red crosses on white in the upper right and lower left quadrants in the pattern of the flag of Lord Baltimore with a Jerusalem cross for Saint James of Jerusalem our patron in the middle and “Saint James School, Maryland, 1842” around the circular edge.

Bob designed the seal in 1942 on our hundredth anniversary because Dr. Kellett, who was headmaster then, thought that the seal of the school was “too dark and busy.” We have



Bob's original sketch and water color rendering framed in our front hall, and you can see the care with which he crafted his work, his real talent, his great gratitude and loyalty.

My favorite story about Bob is when we were debating whether we should build a new refectory at a board meeting. Our present refectory, Saint Luke's, was in the basement of a wing of the main boys' dormitory, and we had outgrown it. It was nonetheless much treasured by our alumni, and one alumnus on the Board proclaimed that we could not replace it because it was "the School's refectory!" Bob responded firmly that it was not his refectory; he had used an earlier one, and that it was in fact the school's third refectory, and that it was time for a fourth one.

I tell these stories because they illustrate to me what was particularly wonderful about Bob Frick: his vision and talent as an artist and antiquarian, his expertise and insight,

his great loyalty and generous commitment to his causes, and his ability to think forward, even to the very end of his life. He was in this way not just a preserver and restorer of all that he loved, but a reviver and a builder as well.

Bob was also a wonderfully amusing and engaging man who was considerate and thoughtful and delighted in making friends. At Saint James, he was as friendly and interested in the secretaries and grounds staff as he was in administrators and faculty or indeed his fellow trustees. He remembered everyone's name and befriended the new teachers. He loved to talk to the students and told them stories of Saint James as it used to be. He had a particularly funny story about a rat in the toilet during study hall in Kemp Hall, but it is not appropriate for me to tell in sacred space.

Bob also however wanted to know about Saint James as it is now, just to make sure that we were still the close and loving community he so cherished. He corresponded regularly with many of us, and he would often write me the most thoughtful notes, encouraging me in my work and assuring me that he was with me, as I forged ahead with some new dream or project.

It really is quite wonderful to appreciate that someone who lived to be 98, almost 99, remained so youthful throughout his life, and that someone who lived alone was so actively and deeply connected to so many friends and admirers.

He was of course devoted to his family. I remember having lunch with Bob, his sister, and with his nephew and fellow alumnus Michael Cox here in Bethlehem just a few years ago, and to see Bob and his sister together, as so many of you did often, was really fun: they were like two "kids" in their

nineties, and the love they shared was evident and constant.

He loved Bethlehem; he delighted in Christmas here and was an enthusiastic expert on his beloved "putzes." He was devoted to Moravian College: as he was with us, grateful and loyal, engaged and generous.

One of the saddest aspects of our present culture in America which I often point out to our students is that we tend to reduce the many loves which God offers us in life to just two: romantic love and the love of parents for their children. Somehow, all the other loves don't seem to matter so much: our love for friends and neighbors, beauty and truth, even God and country.

But Bob Frick provides for us the perfect example of what is so diminishing and spiritually impoverishing about this approach to life, for here was a man who did not marry and did not have any children of his own, but who nonetheless lived a life full of love, a man of talent, vision, and energy who always, always gave back, built forward, and filled his world with friends, joy, and beauty.

For Bob was at heart for all of his life still that little boy at Saint James with his friends going off on adventures, charming the neighbors and dreaming of ways to make the school they shared more beautiful: he was always grateful, creative, thoughtful, and fun. Is it not then wonderfully fitting to send this boy who never did grow old (despite the fact that he lived to be so old) to that enduring place of deepest love and perfect beauty, of "many mansions" and "endless pastures," of friends and family now restored to him? For surely, Christ himself now welcomes him.

Amen

Call for 2014 Award Nominations

Due January 15, 2014

Alumni Award

Background: Each year, the Saint James School Alumni Council honors an alumnus who has distinguished him/herself with outstanding service to the school and to society. We invite alumni and friends to nominate candidates for this award. When considering a candidate for nomination, particular emphasis should be placed on the criterion of service to Saint James School, such as active service as a Class Agent, Trustee or Alumni Council member, or active leadership with Alumni Weekend planning, the Annual Fund or other alumni events.

Exceptional Service Award

Background: The Exceptional Service Award honors individuals who have provided exceptional service to the school and its alumni, although such individuals were neither alumni nor faculty of the school. The award is presented at the discretion of the Alumni Council and nominations are considered on an annual basis.

Additional support materials are welcomed and should be included when submitting the Nomination Form.

Kerfoot Society for Distinguished Faculty

Background: Established to recognize faculty who have distinguished themselves above and beyond the call of duty, the Kerfoot Society for Distinguished Faculty Award was originally suggested by Jeremy H. Biggs '54 when he served as President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He expressed that "a good part of the soul of the school is, and always has been, the wonderful and long-serving faculty, who have been important to its history and to the lives of its students."

Nomination and selection criteria include:

- Performing his or her duties in an outstanding manner.
- Being of strong moral character and serving as a positive influence on students.
- Serving as a mentor to his or her students.
- Showing dedication and loyalty to the school community.
- Exhibiting outstanding service as a coach and/or providing exemplary service as an advisor for non-athletic activities (examples: yearbook advisor, Mummers' Society advisor, etc.).

- Must be retired or no longer on staff.
- Must have served Saint James School for a minimum of 10 years.
- Nomination is open to teachers, librarians and Chaplains.

Individuals Eligible for Kerfoot Induction

Craig and Elizabeth Allen	Aleda James
Norman Dill	Beverly Lamb
Robert Dinsmore	Walter McKinley
Benjamin Drake	Margaret Pennington
Robert Grab	Roger Ross
Hazel Hoyer	Don and Mary Woodruff

Additional support materials are welcomed and should be included with the Nomination Form.

How to Submit Your Nominations

Deadline: The deadline for submission is **January 15, 2014**.

Nomination Forms: Available on the web:

www.stjames.edu/AlumniCouncilAwards

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