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Saint James Students **Go Global**



Saint James Student Athlete Highlights

Three Students Sign National Letters of Intent



Obinna "Obi" Enechionya
Temple University
(basketball)



Madison Fahey
Loyola University Maryland
(lacrosse)



Therence Mayimba
George Mason University
(basketball)

"All MAC" and "All IPSL" Winners

Wrestling:

All MAC: Tucker Almany (113)
Alec Wingerd (132)
Justin Pank (160)
Billy Walendom (170)
Patrick Hart (220)

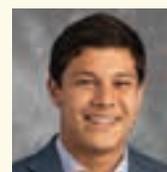
All IPSL: Almany, Wingerd, Hart and Pank



Tucker Almany



Alec Wingerd



Justin Pank

Boys Basketball

All MAC: Obi Enechionya
Justin Robinson
Therence Mayimba

All IPSL: Enechionya and Robinson



Billy Walendom



Patrick Hart



Obi Enechionya

Girls Basketball

All IPSL: Kerri Kline



Justin Robinson



Therence Mayimba



Kerri Kline

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Students Sail the Bai Yuka in Cardboard Boats

Imagine that you are given two materials: duct tape and cardboard. Your task? To create a boat capable of traversing a small body of water. This is exactly the challenge students in Mrs. Mathews' physics classes confronted last December. For two weeks, the students

worked together to craft vessels using only the allotted two materials. Finally, the day of the maiden voyage arrived. Each group of innovators launched its creation from the icy shores of the Bai Yuka. And, to everyone's delight, the two boats floated, crossing the pond with ease.



Bai Yuka boat construction took place in the field house (left). Student artist, Kay Lee (center) created the masthead for one of the boats. Interested onlookers cheered the sailors on from the snowy shore (right).





BOOM! Science Club to Launch Balloon into Near-Space this Spring

The Saint James BOOM! Science Club, a 12-member club including students from every form, has been hard at work for the past three months on "Project Icarus 2.0." Inspired by MIT's own "Project Icarus," the club members aim to send a weather balloon thousands of feet up into near-space in order to videotape the earth. The balloon will carry a GPS and a GoPro video camera, which will capture the ascent and descent as the apparatus passes through the troposphere and the stratosphere. The GPS tracking system will help ensure students are able to locate the unit upon landing. The club is working to identify a suitable launch location in an unpopulated area. This will help ensure the apparatus does not land in a busy, urban location. Recent flight path predications currently show the balloon travelling at least 125 miles from the launch site. Students estimate that the total flight time will be approximately two hours.

"Father Dunnan has been very supportive of this project," said Nathan Trail (sixth form), the Project Manager. "He helped get the project off the ground (pardon the pun) and we have been able to raise additional funding to purchase the video camera." "The project," continued Nathan, "is really neat because it is allowing us to test many of the concepts and principles that we learned in Environmental Science, Chemistry and Physics."

Saint James Gets Social

In addition to our Facebook presence, Saint James School has joined Twitter and Instagram. We plan to use these social media accounts to better engage both the Saint James community and prospective students. You can also look forward to more updates on Facebook. Stay posted for upcoming photo contests and other invitations to connect.

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Instagram: <http://instagram.com/onlyatsjs#>

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Sixth Form Dinner...and "Lessons and Carols"



"Lessons and Carols" photos (left) by Helen Liu, fourth form. Sixth Form Dinner photos (right) by James Liu, fourth form.





Students & Faculty Take to the Stage for the Winter Variety Show

This year's Saint James School Winter Variety Show showcased our talented musicians, actors, singers, dancers and martial artists. The students played to a full house (and a very enthusiastic crowd) on Saturday, February 15th.

(Photos by Andrew Shen, second form.)





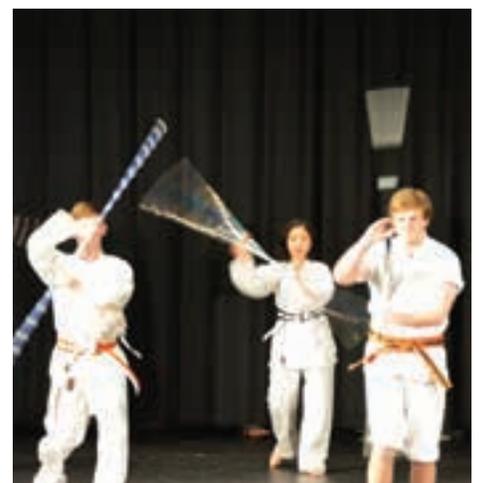
Winter Variety Show: Ms. Gold and Her Students Elevate the Art of Dance

By Christelle Fayemi (fifth form)

This year's dance performance in the Winter Variety Show included various types of movement, such as hip-hop and bhangra. Chemistry teacher and dance instructor Ms. Hannah Gold explained that she "wanted the students to know the basics of everything so that they could take advantage of dance opportunities in college."

Students actively participated in choreographing the routines, adding their own flair to the performance. Since Ms. Gold made sure students never felt pressured to be perfect and asked them to contribute to what she taught them, the collaborative practices were something to look forward to.

In fact, her way of teaching is the reason I joined the dance program. Since I knew her both in and outside of the classroom, I was sure that being in dance with Ms. Gold would be fun and enlightening. I know other dancers would agree with me; the number of students enrolled in dance has nearly tripled since Ms. Gold became the instructor last year.





Saint James School Choir Performs at National Cathedral

By Karlie Grady (sixth form)

The Saint James choir has been busy all winter despite the nearly constant ice, snow and cold temperatures. "Lessons & Carols" took place in December, bringing a large audience to hear the choristers perform seasonal favorites as part of this annual tradition. But, some of the best traditions are updated to reflect the times. Nikki Jenkinson, a sixth form choir member, noted that this year's performance was special in that it "included a lot more contemporary music."

The choir was also invited to perform at the National Cathedral as part of the Mid-Atlantic Episcopal Schools Association Choral Evensong on February



9th. More than 300 students joined in song at the prestigious event (to listen to the performance, please visit: www.nationalcathedral.org). The choir put on an outstanding performance. According to Nikki, they performed a more, "professional repertoire" for the event. The chamber choir also visited St. Paul's Parish in Washington, DC, where the choristers sang intricate vesicles and responses. By singing challenging pieces, the choir has gained a new sense of confidence and talent. The choir members, under the capable direction of Mrs. Linda Stowe, Chair of the Fine Arts Department, are now preparing for their Easter performance.

Big Decisions: Saint James Students Choose Colleges

For most students, the college selection process is one of the most stressful, albeit ultimately rewarding processes, in their high school careers. Several students applied Early Decision to schools and received good news from their top choices in December. Andrea O'Connell, Director of College Counseling, noted that before the break, the Class of 2014 (57 Members) submitted over 400 applications to 180 colleges. The following students were admitted to their Early Decision schools before Christmas:

Breese Dickinson

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Hunter Evans

George Washington University

Hannah Jin

Columbia University

Kerri Kline

St. Mary's College of Maryland

Camille-Louise Mbayo

Tufts University

Patrick Morris

Davidson College

Nathan Trail

American University

Billy Walendom

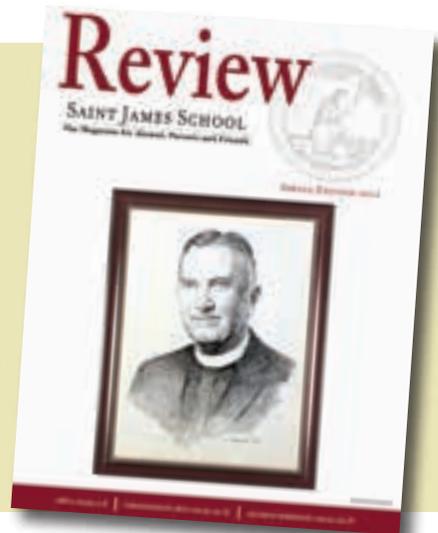
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Goodbye to Betty Barr, the Voice of Saint James

By John D. Worthington, IV '69

Mr. Worthington serves as a member of the Saint James School Board of Trustees.

To learn more about this dedicated and dynamic alumnus, please read his article titled, "Leaving A Legacy: Why Saint James Is In My Estate Plan."

I called Saint James not too long ago, and didn't hear those five words that always provided such solace. "Saint James School. Mrs. Barr." It was the first time in memory Betty hadn't answered the school phone as our receptionist, and I was a little concerned

A quick check let me know that the terrible winter weather had taken its toll on Betty. Although she planned to retire at the end of the year, the nearly constant snow and ice hastened her departure. Some of you may remember that Betty retired once before, but came back after a couple of years to her job as receptionist.

Our school has had beloved headmasters, the great Father Owens, the amazing Father Dunnan and others who represented the heart and soul of Saint James; but, Betty Barr became an icon. In an association spanning six decades, she managed a remarkable number of roles at Saint James. Coming to our school in 1951 as a teacher's young wife, Betty worked in the library for 26 years, and was the receptionist for 17 years. While doing all this, Betty was also Mother Confessor to generations of young men and women. She was also Saint James parent, and later, a grandparent.



For many older alumni, Betty will always have a special place in our hearts. The Saint James we remember was a school with half-day classes on Wednesdays and Saturdays, only five vacations during the school year, and, above all else, an almost completely male community. Most of the faculty

members were bachelors who had spent their lives teaching at boarding schools. The kindly Mrs. Barr quickly became a mother figure we could turn to for help and advice.

I remember during my Third Form year I began to have terrible pain in the back of my mouth. I could see something had popped up, and I was certain I had somehow broken my jaw during athletics. I was afraid to go to the school nurse, Mrs. Hoyer, so I sought out Mrs. Barr. After taking a look in my mouth, she laughed and said I was fine. She explained it was

just my wisdom teeth coming in. In loco parentis for certain!

How many similar acts of kindness had Mrs. Barr performed over the years? It must have been an incredible number if you watch how older alumni rush to greet her during Alumni Weekend and other events.

They are her "boys," and she remembers all of them. I always felt the highest accolade a male Saint James graduate could receive was to have Betty tell you that you were a "Saint James boy." It meant you had done ok at Saint James. But more importantly, you understood and appreciated how special our school is. When she said those words to me, I felt more honored than when I received our school's Distinguished

Alumni Award.

Betty often said her greatest joy was working at Saint James, and what a joy it has been to know and love her. I believe, in many ways, she became our touchstone, an enduring figure who transcended generations and helped us remember a school that was so important to our lives.

I'll miss hearing that voice when I call Saint James. However, you can be sure Betty will be thinking about Saint James, and all of us.



The Diocese of Granada in Nicaragua (above). Rocks off of the coast of Capri, Italy (right).



Saint James Students **Go Global**

What does it mean to be a global citizen? Most of us identify with being members of the Saint James community – whether as students, parents, volunteers, alumni... But, what does it mean when our identities transcend our physical, cultural and geographical boundaries to encompass our fellow brothers and sisters throughout the world?

This March, many of our intrepid Saint James students and faculty members discovered what it means to be world citizens, venturing to Nicaragua, China and Italy to learn about these cultures and to participate in formative social initiatives. Although spring break is over, and our explorers have now returned to the classroom, we invite our readers to share in our students' experiences in three unique corners of the world.

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CHINA

(Zhong Hua Ren Min)



photos by Jeremy McDonald



The EF Global Student Leaders Summit brings young leaders together from around the world to inspire and prepare them to solve global challenges. The 2014 gathering was held in Shanghai, China. The idea behind the annual summit is to create a forum in which students can develop their creativity, innovation and adaptability by working together to address real-world problems. This year, led by faculty member, Jeremy McDonald and his wife, Miranda, Saint James students participated in the summit.

“Hundreds of students attended the Global Student Leaders Summit,” according to Mr. McDonald. “Our group included a total of 44 students from public and private schools around the country. We could not

have asked for a better, or more engaged group of students.”

Jake Fishkin, a fifth form student, was selected as a speaker to present for Planet Money – a podcast and blog focused on economics and produced by National Public Radio. He was one of several students selected to speak at the event. Summit participants were challenged to design a social business to create solutions to demonstrated world problems. The winning solutions were: a portable water tank that provides clean water by heating it with solar/sound power, and a key chain that disables text/calling when the car is running.

The McDonalds also led the students on a tour of the country. After landing in Hong Kong, the students visited Xi’an, the country’s capital through





11 dynasties, followed by Beijing and the famous Tiananmen Square, and the Great Wall, finally settling into a high rise hotel in Shanghai, the most populous city in the world, with an estimated 24 million residents. During their tour, students rode a rickshaw, sipped tea and sampled a variety of Chinese delicacies.

One of the highlights, according to fourth form student, Louise Dickinson, was a rickshaw ride/race. The 44 students piled into about 25 of the iconic passenger carts, forming a "rickshaw train." "Our driver went slow," said Ms. Dickinson, "but he had a great time cutting other people off. It was really fun (and a little scary)," she continued with a grin.

Some of the meals included up to 19 courses. The most memorable

line from the trip, according to Mr. McDonald, was from an awestruck Ms. Dickinson, who famously exclaimed, "What, there's more?" when course after course arrived at their dinner table. One stand-out dinner included more than a dozen varieties of dumpling (a Chinese specialty).

"My two favorite parts were the Great Wall and Xi'an Wall," said Mr. McDonald. "Getting to ride bikes on the (Xi'an) wall was very cool. We felt like we were in the amazing race."

The students and their trip leaders returned with a greater appreciation for the people and culture of this extraordinary country, as well as a broader perspective on how they can play a vital role in problem-solving and improving the lives of their global siblings.



(clockwise from left) The group poses in front of the capital wall. The McDonalds ride along the Xi'an wall. Louise Dickinson prepares for the Summit. Shanghai's Pearl Tower at night. Jake Fishkin poses with his caricature on a china plate. An ample assortment of dishes. Jake's talk. Ayesha Khokhar presents her plan at the Summit.



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ITALY

(Italia)



photos by Nathan Trail, sixth form



Art, architecture, adventure....Saint James students enjoyed a wide range of experiences during a nine-day tour through the heart of Italy over spring break. Faculty member, Mary Stevens and two other adult chaperones led the 15 students on a tour that balanced interactive cultural activities with visits to some of the country's most significant historical sites.



After landing in Rome, the students ventured to Sorrento, a coastal town across from Mt. Vesuvius with spectacular views of Naples. From there, it was onto Capri, an island located in the Tyrrhenian Sea off the Sorrentine Peninsula.



"I loved Capri," said Ms. Stevens. "It was breathtaking. Six students joined me to climb to Villa Jovis, (meaning "Villa of Jupiter") a palace at the western top of Capri, atop Mount Tiberio. Although we had only 30 minutes to enjoy the views, I was amazed. It was astounding," she continued. "Every student who made the hike said it was their favorite part of the trip." Villa Jovis was built by Emperor Tiberius and completed in

AD 27 and is the largest of the twelve Tiberian villas on Capri.

Following their time in the seaside paradise, the group "toured the Amalfi coast. We took more than 1,700 curves during the drive," according to sixth form student, Nathan Trail. Although nausea was an ever-present threat during the sojourn, the long stretches of sea-side cliffs terraced with whitewashed villas and lemon groves provided a stunning backdrop (and a worthy consolation prize) for the challenging drive.

Other historical highlights included Pompeii and the Paestum temples (among the most well-preserved Greek ruins left on Italy's mainland). The group also had the opportunity to sample buffalo mozzarella cheese, to take a Neapolitan cooking class and to tour the National Archeological Museum of Naples before returning to Rome where they visited the Colosseum and Vatican City.

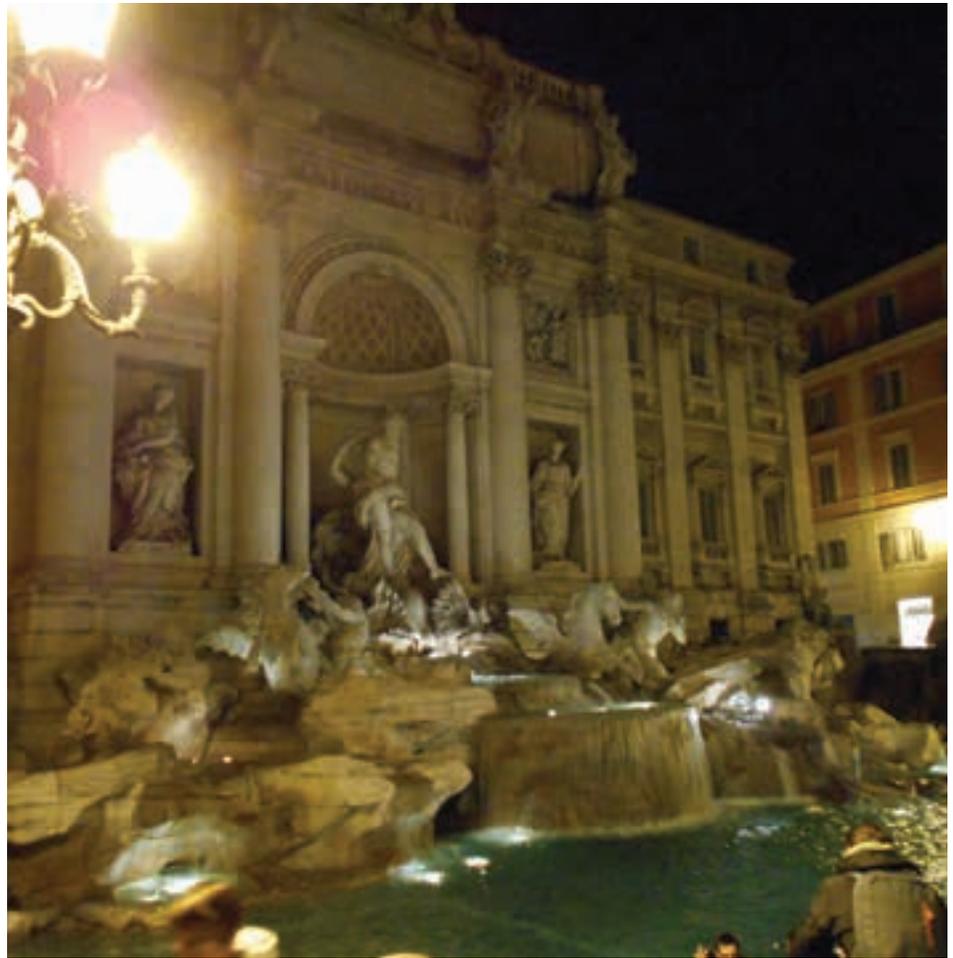
"It was such a fantastic group of students," said Ms. Stevens. "They embodied the cooperation and



enthusiasm that our students are known for. And, they were always on time and ready to participate. They supported each other, got to know a country they were unfamiliar with, and made an effort to connect with students they didn't know."

"My favorite experience was gladiator school in Rome," said Mr. Trail. "We got to shoot bows and arrows, to use iron and wooden swords, and we learned attack moves. Our teacher was really fun and energetic. He reminded us of Mr. Yergey."

While the extraordinary views from Mount Tiberio topped the list of favorite experiences for many of the travelers, several students cited the capital city as memorable because of the many public piazzas with street fairs and performers. The group returned from the tour with fond memories, extraordinary photographs and a deep appreciation for Italy's long and rich history and for its wealth of iconic cultural offerings.

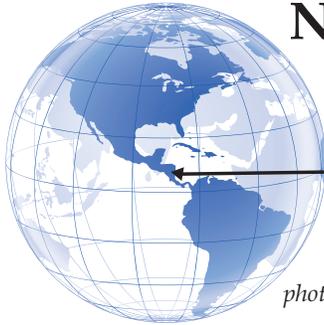


(Clockwise from left) Gladiator school warriors. Capri. Students strike a pose in Sorrento. Trevi fountain in Rome. The Amalfi coastline. Teddy Batson in archery class. Roman colosseum. The Temple of Poseidon in Paestum.

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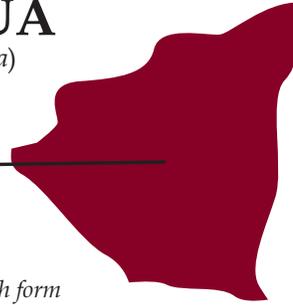


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NICARAGUA

(República de Nicaragua)



photos by Hunter Strauch, sixth form



When faculty member, Daphne Clyburn and her husband, Michael learned of the opportunity to travel to Nicaragua over spring break to volunteer for a community initiative called the Peace Project, they jumped at the chance—along with a dozen Saint James students eager to engage in a meaningful service learning opportunity. The Peace Project, founded in 2011 by several Saint James alumni and their college classmates, is a community organization established to expand opportunities for the residents of Laguna de Apoyo, Nicaragua. The





organization focuses on educational opportunities, environmental stewardship and community development.

During their stay, the Saint James volunteers worked closely with primary school children, engaging in a variety of hands-on projects. A highlight of the trip for fifth form student, Grace Fulton, was “working with the Nicaraguan children. Even though there was a language barrier,” she said with a smile, “seeing how happy they were made us feel happy and helped us feel like we were accomplishing something.”

Ms. Clyburn observed, “The trip required us to step outside our comfort zones by trying new foods, working with younger kids, and ultimately, trying to connect with them. We even had to be willing to be silly to make the students laugh.” Since some of the students did not speak Spanish, they became creative, using words such as “cool” and relying on their limited Spanish repertoires to relate to the children.

Ms. Clyburn recounts her experience on pg. 16.



(Clockwise from left) The group poses around an old growth tree. Maddie Craft with a young girl. A poolside afternoon. Emerson Younger zips through the trees. Kevin Cooper connects with a local boy. Paul Jin teaches two students. Hiking expedition. Kids tackle the piñata.

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Building Community in a Volcanic Crater

By Daphne Clyburn

Community has always been a word that resonates with me. From attending a boarding school for four years, working with groups of adolescents in an outdoor education program, and traveling around the world with 26 students in a college study abroad program, I understood from an early age that you become a stronger person by making an effort to intentionally build community around you.

When my husband and I were given the opportunity to lead the Nicaragua Spring Break trip, we knew that it would be important to keep in mind our previous experiences living and working in intentional communities in order to cultivate a program that encouraged all students to consider the wellbeing

of the group (and the program as a whole) above themselves individually. By being mindful of the needs of others, 12 spectacular young leaders from Saint James School exemplified the positive results of intentionally building community.

For the majority of the trip, we stayed at the Peace Project in Laguna de Apoyo, which is a large volcanic crater about 45 minutes from Managua. **Lara McKaye '07** and **Mark McKaye '03** grew up in this crater with their Research Scientist father, Ken McKaye. After graduating from college, Lara and Mark decided to convert their childhood home into a hostel/community organization. From this, emerged the Peace Project.

Not only does the Peace Project host travelers from all over the world, they also sponsor an after school program with local kids in the crater lake community. During our ten days, we divided our time between working with the Peace Project kids and visiting sites around the area, such



as an outdoor market, an old fort and a pottery workshop. We ate most of our meals at the Peace Project, and kept in mind some of our practices from meals at Saint James in order to ensure that we were being mindful of the all members of the group. Before beginning each meal, a different student made a toast reflecting on recent activities. This small practice was important in that it made everyone reflect and pay attention to the group's needs over their own.

If you were to ask the Saint James students to name their favorite part of the trip, the majority would probably say working with the kids in the Peace Project. As a teacher, it brought a smile to my face watching our students step out of their comfort

zones and interact with younger kids in Spanish.

Whether it was playing soccer, throwing water balloons, or working on an English worksheet, the Saint James students thrived in this environment. I also observed how sensitive they were to the needs of the children.

During the after school program, we had a party to celebrate our time together. One of the activities was to break two piñatas and the children were ecstatic. As I took pictures, I noticed some of our students eagerly eyeing the piñata. Yet, not one Saint James student insisted on participating. Instead, they encouraged the sometimes shy children to give it a try.

Though small, this act of selflessness exemplified how being mindful of others is rewarding in itself. In order to build community, it is imperative that we keep in mind the needs of the group, and I was honored to be a part of that process on this trip.



The Saint James Peace Project team poses for a group shot. Pictured in the front row are alumni Lara McKaye (left) and her brother, Mark McKaye (right). Author and trip leader, Daphne Clyburn is pictured in the last row (far right).



Mummers' Society Presents

(Photos by Jeremy McDonald and Drake Marshall, fourth form.)



Fine Arts Calendar

April 26

Alumni Weekend Concert
Chapel

May 9

Spring Concert, 8:00 p.m.
Bowman-Byron Fine Arts Center

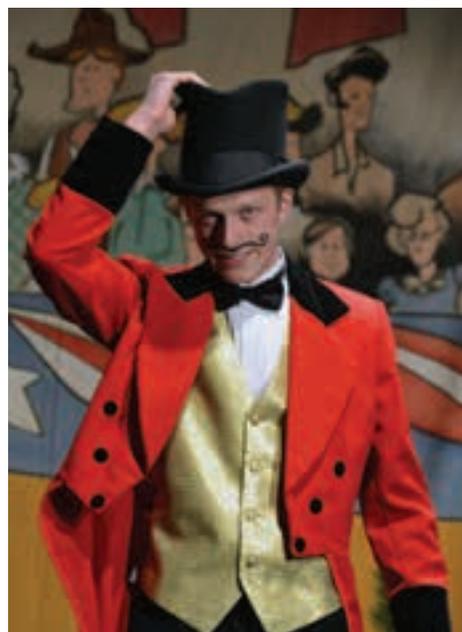
May 23 & 24

The Spring Musical: Oklahoma!
7:30 p.m.
Bowman-Byron Fine Arts Center





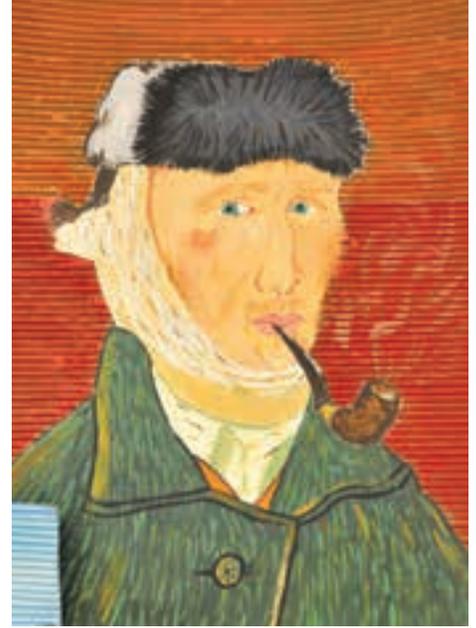
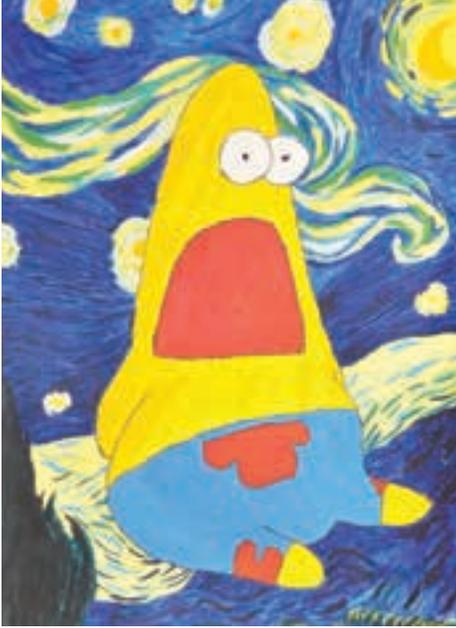
Saint George and the Dragon





WinterArts Projects

This winter's frigid temperatures kept many students indoors where they were inspired to new creative heights in Mr. Jeremy McDonald's art classes.



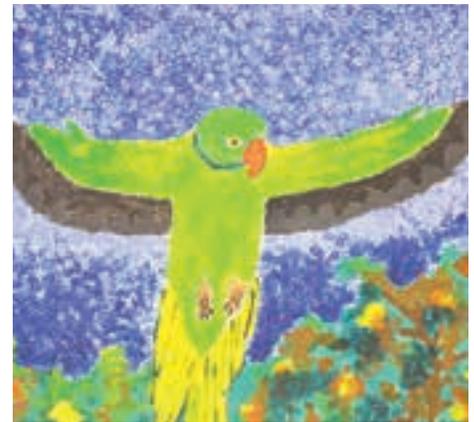
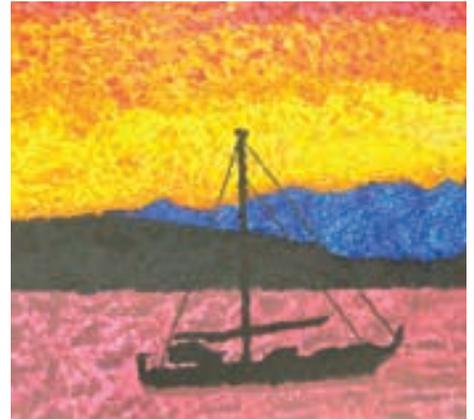


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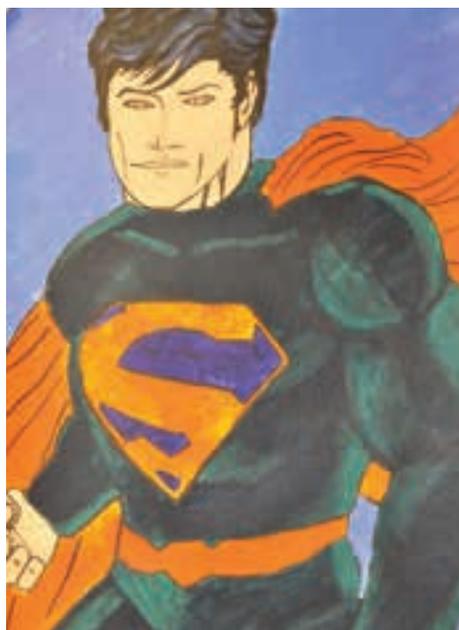
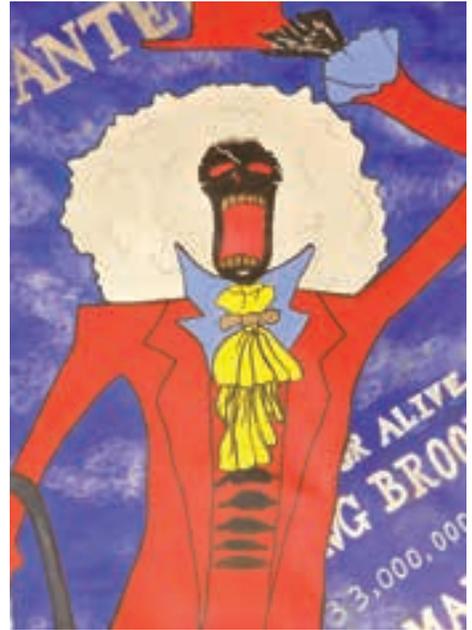
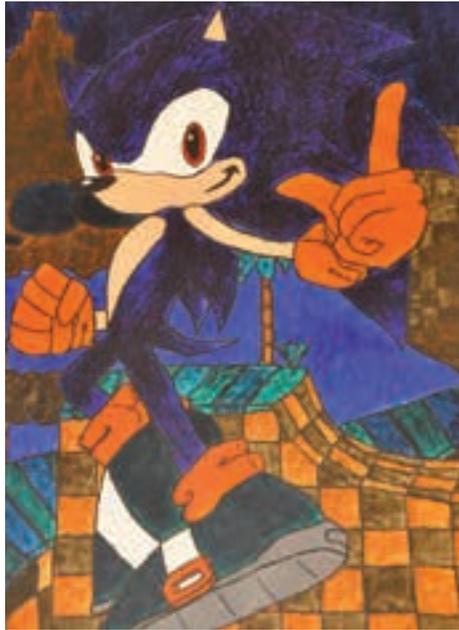


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A Sermon
For Christmas Eve, 2013
In The Chapel of Saint James
The Revd. Dr. D. Stuart Dunnan

“And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, ‘Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.’” (Luke 2.8-11)

In nomine ...

Schools, as we know, are full of news, both “good” and “bad.” You got an A! (good news) You got a D. (bad news) We won! (good news) We lost. (bad news) She said yes! (good news) He said no. (bad news) This time of year, we get college news. “Congratulations. You have been accepted.” (good news) “We regret that we are not able to offer you a place.” (bad news)

The sixth form this year is particularly ambitious, and many of them “reached” for the most selective colleges, so some were disappointed, not so much by the “you were rejected” letter, which is now of course an email, but by the “you were deferred” letter, which feels like “you were rejected.”

Now, looking at the class and where many of them had applied, I thought that I would act proactively, and spoke in Chapel about the process of college placement generally, pointing

out that this was not their news, but the college’s news, as each college builds its own freshman class based on a multitude of factors, many of them completely beyond the applicant’s control. I also pointed out that what makes this news “bad” is that they are not getting “what they want,” which is not in itself bad, and indeed often good. It all depends upon how they react. What makes this news “bad” is their desire to control it, and thus to predetermine the outcome.

I also tried to more gently suggest that getting into one college versus another college is not as important as some students, particularly the very successful ones, tend to think, as the difference does not matter that much. What makes the one college so very important is that it is the one we want, which has a lot less to do with the actual fit or outcome than our need for personal affirmation and triumph, which can become in itself unreasonable, even idolatrous.

Idolatry is when we lose perspective, and start to worship the wrong god: in this case, the object of our desire, “My Precious,” as Gollum calls his ring in *The Hobbit*. And this of course is paganism: a life devoted to getting what we want or feel that we “deserve” rather than a life devoted to serving God.

Now, what does this have to do with Christmas? My point is that the major characters of the Christmas narrative also received challenging news, certainly not the news that they expected or desired to hear. The difference is that they responded to the news they heard faithfully, which

means humbly and courageously, as this is the unique combination of virtues which faith requires.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, whom we now revere as the greatest of the saints, the first to hear the Gospel and that one human being chosen to bear the Son of God and to raise him as his mother, did not hear good news when the Angel Gabriel came to her. For Mary was a poor, young and still unmarried woman, so the news that she was pregnant must have been terrifying. And her news did not become “good” right away: she had to flee with her husband and baby to Egypt, ponder the meaning of her remarkable child “in her heart” as he grew into his manhood, and then suffer his arrest and crucifixion, which she personally witnessed.

And this was not good news for Joseph either, for he was faced with the choice of whether he would keep a wife who appeared unfaithful to him, protect her with very little means, and raise her child as his own. So also the shepherds are told by the angels to leave all that they own to venture into town where they will be treated as outcasts just to worship “a child” to whom they have no tribal or family connection, which is the only connection which they (like so many these days) would have considered meaningful. And the wise men are called by a star to travel a great distance through alien and dangerous lands to an unknown place, just to see a foreign king who might be important in ways they have yet to know.

And yet they all respond faithfully. Mary tells her news to Joseph who

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“The difference is that they responded to the news they heard faithfully, which means humbly and courageously, as this is the unique combination of virtues which faith requires.”

stays with her and protects her. The shepherds travel into town and the wise men to Judaea, all of them to Bethlehem, where they worship a babe born in a manger, receiving even at the beginning of their response to this mystery not so much an answer to their questions, as a question as their answer, and thus the beginning of many more questions to come.

But there is one who would control this news: Herod the King, because he does not like it. And note that he does not like it because he has too much to lose, as he is by Rome’s authority, “King of the Jews,” and he views the birth of this new king as a threat to all he has accomplished and achieved. So he responds with all the fury of the powerful and successful when they hear news they do not want to hear: he acts fiercely and decisively to “fix” it, to shut the miracle down.

“Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise

men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men.” (Matt. 2.16)

I often wonder why the poor tend to have more Christmas lights on their houses and more Christmas figures on their front lawns than the rich do. Just drive around Hagerstown tonight, and you will see what I mean. I wonder if colored lights and a crèche scene just reek too much of Bethlehem. There is something just too “out of control” about it all, too religious, if you know what I mean, too challenging of “discretion” and “good taste” for the more secularized elite to embrace and emulate. After all, what would the neighbors say?

I loved the quote from the woman whose house was featured on the front page of the Herald Mail this morning. It looked like a lit up gingerbread house. She and her husband have been working on their lights since October. “I wanted to make it look like a birthday party for Jesus,” she said proudly. Now there is a believer.

Those of you who were in Chapel two Sundays ago will remember that I told a story that Oprah Winfrey told the parents and guests at a Commencement at Greenwich Academy several years ago. I was invited to give the invocation because my niece was graduating, and she was invited to give the address because her friend Gayle’s daughter was graduating.

Oprah explained to her audience, which was of course a particularly

privileged crowd, that she enjoyed being openly, even flamboyantly generous with her money because she had never forgotten a particular Christmas when she was a child. Her single mother was working a minimum wage job and could barely pay the rent and put food on the table, so she had no money to buy Oprah anything for Christmas, but then the Sisters of Mercy came to their apartment and brought her a box full of presents. “I promised myself,” she told us, “that if I became rich, and I am now very rich, that this is what I will do!” And so, she does every Christmas. I have never heard an audience so gently and so effectively challenged, but I wondered even how many of those listening actually heard the challenging truth that she was telling them.

I used to think that preaching Easter was harder than preaching Christmas, because Easter places before us the miracle of the Resurrection, which becomes for Christians a challenge: the challenge not to be afraid of death, and therefore to live our lives more selflessly and courageously as God’s true gifts to the world. Christmas, on the other hand, places before us the miracle of the Incarnation, which brings with it the specific promise “that he shall be Emmanuel, which means God with us,” God in Christ for us, supporting us in our lives.

At first glance, this appears to be a gentler and more comforting message. But here too, I now understand, is the same challenge: God in Christ is with us, so what are we afraid of? Why do we not therefore live our lives that much more bravely and generously



for his transforming purpose? For Christmas teaches us that our “bad” news can become God’s good news when we react with the humility and courage of Mary, and not just good news for us, which would be again just selfish, but good news for “all people” as we live by faith for love.

And let me just offer this: think back to those moments in your life when you received bad news, even news much worse than being rejected by this or that college, news of a real loss or a terrifying illness, of an unexpected challenge or a humiliating failure. Didn’t you have a choice in that moment between hope or despair, acceptance or denial, change or resistance?

And if you found the faith to make the right choice, did you not also find the humility and the courage to respond to your news and to confront the challenges which faced you? And didn’t you also gain the gifts which came with your response: resilience, courage, humility and wisdom? And didn’t you also find yourself redirected and empowered to see what is important in life more clearly and to do more good, to make what remained of your life that much more meaningful and important?

And haven’t you realized since that God was indeed there with you in ways that you did not notice at the time? In little and unexpected ways, which you can only now just begin to appreciate?

We pray tonight for Denise Pennington who received a bone marrow transplant from her daughter Katherine at Johns Hopkins today. She texted me the day before



yesterday to tell me that her nurse was Ingrid Halvorson, who graduated from Saint James back in 1997. I remember when Ingrid chose to become an oncology nurse. It was a bold decision on her part, which took a great deal of hard work, courage, and patience. But here is my point: as far as I know, Ingrid is one of three Saint James graduates who are nurses at Hopkins, and there are thousands.

The exact same thing happened for Mr. Grab fourteen years ago when he was ill and being treated at Hopkins. His nurse “by chance” was also a Saint James alumnus, Robert Liu, who had actually lived on Mr. Grab’s hall, and the odds against this happening were just as remarkable then as they are now.

Most would say, “What an amazing coincidence.” We would say, “of course.”

The news in life is not always easy, and Christians hear the same news that everybody else does: both good and bad, but mostly just neutral. What should make us different is the quality of our response. So, here is the question which this holy night still asks of us: Will we be brave like Mary, generous like Joseph, reckless like the shepherds, and foolish like the wise men?

Will we be open to the love of God made real for us by this child in a manger? And will we follow where he leads us?

Amen.

Saint James Basketball Team Enjoys a Triumphant Season

This year, the boys' varsity basketball team took its game to new heights under the leadership of first-year Head Coach, Dan Prete who also serves as assistant director of admission. Coach Prete, who has over 20 years of coaching experience and has developed 44 Division 1 student athletes and four NBA players, brought a wealth of experience and a little magic to the team.

"He has worked wonders, encouraging the players to work as a collective and a true team, rather than focusing on their individual success," said Jim Fahey, athletic director for Saint James School.

"Our first goal was the team's success," said Coach Prete, "and with that, individual success will follow. We had such a good group of young men," he continued. "And, we had very strong leadership from the sixth formers – **AJ Carr**, **Obi Enechionya**, **Jake Thompson**, **Sherman Harris**, **Connor Abeles**, **Therence Mayimba** and **Ryan Abbott** – who laid the foundation to build a strong basketball program. They did a fantastic job helping us establish a new system for how we ran practices, prepared for games, communicated on and off the court and improved our nutritional habits," said the coach with a



Justin Robinson

hint of pride.

The team also participated in volunteer activities in other communities that represented Saint James at its finest. Jeff Hood, founder of Hoodie's House of Hope (a charitable organization for youth) and President of the Wild Wing Cafe' High School Hoop's Classic Tournament agreed. Mr. Hood, who has run national-level high school basketball tournaments for 16 seasons, observed that "the character of the Saint James boys was second to none – not

only in play, but in their charitable contributions." As a result, Saint James players now have a home in this annual Charlotte tournament.

"It's nice to be at a school that has such high academic standards. As a first-year coach here, I am so happy to see student athletes so well-prepared (academically and in many other facets of their lives) to go off to college," said the coach. "The Saint James community did a really good job of making us all feel welcome and helping us out with so many different things that really got us off to a good start."



Therence, Obi and AJ

Season Highlights

Justin Robinson (fifth form), **Therence Mayimba** and **Obi Enechionya** were selected for the "All MAC" team and to the Washington County First Team. **AJ Carr** was selected to the Second Team. **Craig Lecesne** (fourth form) was Honorable Mention.

Obi Enechionya was selected as the *Hagerstown Herald-Mail* "Player of the Year" and the *Anietam Cable* "Player of the Year." This exceptional player also scored 1,358 points for his career (the fourth all time in Saint James history).

Enechionya and **Justin Robinson** were also designated "All IPSL." Their IPSL "First Team" won the overall championship.



Saint James Wrestlers Take It to the Mat

This winter, the wrestling team enjoyed one of its most successful seasons ever – ending the season at 11-4 in dual meets and finishing 4-1 in the MAC and 2-0 in the IPSL. The team was blessed with strong, seasoned wrestlers, many of whom have been in the program for four years, and excellent coaching.

Head Coach, Steve Lachut, now in his third year with the team, attributed the boys' success to a highly capable group of sixth formers, including **Justin Pank, Alec Wingerd, Will Smith, Alex Wagner, Kevin Cooper, Patrick Hart, Steven Hart** and **Billy Walendom**. He praised the seniors for their individual performances and for their strong support for the team as a whole. "They did a great job of getting contributions from the guys new to the varsity line-up," he said.

Much like the sport of swimming, wrestlers participate in individual matches (one in each weight class). Their match scores add up to the team's overall score for the meet, making wrestling both an individual and a team sport. Given the weight class system, there can be an incentive to drop weight prior to meets. The coach praised the team members for "eating healthier foods during the season" and avoiding unhealthy dietary practices.

When asked about the future of Saint James wrestling, Coach Lachut noted, "We have a good balance of senior leadership and younger underclassmen who are ready to contribute." As a result, the team is well positioned for future success.



Congratulations to These Exceptional Athletes Announcing Winter "All MAC" and "All IPSL" Winners

Wrestling:

All MAC: Tucker Almany (113), Alec Wingerd (132), Justin Pank (160), Billy Walendom (170), Patrick Hart (220)
All IPSL: Almany, Wingerd, Hart and Pank

Boys Basketball:

All MAC: Obi Enechionya, Justin Robinson, Therence Mayimba
All IPSL: Enechionya and Robinson

Girls Basketball:

All IPSL: Kerri Kline

Spring Sports Preview: Lacrosse Teams Begin Spring Season in Florida

by Karlie Grady (sixth form)

The varsity girls' and boys' lacrosse teams are off to a great start. The teams traveled to Tampa, Florida over spring break for scrimmages and some team bonding time.

Sixth form students, **Madison Fahey**, who will play for Loyola University this fall, and **Kerri Kline**, who will play for St. Mary's, both led the team to victory in the scrimmages. The Saints scored more than ten goals in each game.

But more importantly, as Head Coach for the girls' team, Ms. Ann Eickelberg said, "Every player got to play and have possession of the ball at least once." Besides playing lacrosse, the girls had a lot of fun, from doing dance-offs to going to the beach one day. "Overall," the coach continued, "we came out of Florida feeling prepared and excited for the season!"

During the Florida trip, the boys lacrosse game against Martin County was live-streamed and may be viewed at: <http://www.meridix.com/everywhere.php?liveid=gamefilmexpress>

In late March, the boys' defeated Goretti. Despite foul weather, the girls' and boys' teams are off to a great start.

Varsity Wrestling
Head Coach Steve Lachut

The Saint James varsity wrestling team had lofty goals this year, returning eight out of 14 starters from the previous season. Although the team fell short on some of its goals, this was a season to be proud of, finishing 11-4 in dual meets, (4-1 in MAC, and 2-0 IPSL). The Saints also finished second in the Holloway and MAC tournaments. The team reclaimed the IPSL championship with a dramatic come from behind victory over Mercersburg.

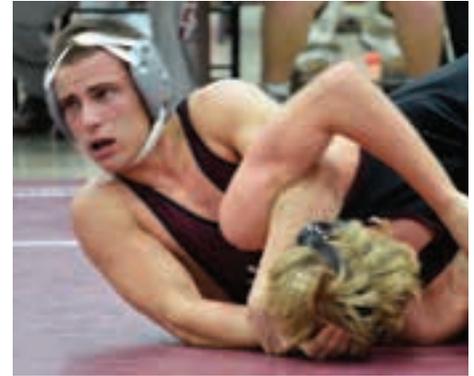
MVP: Justin Pank
MIP: Patrick Hart
Coaches' Award: Tucker Almany

Although the team missed out on eight matches due to weather cancellations, the boys were still able to put together some impressive individual records. The Saints had two 20-match winners in sixth form captains **Justin Pank** (29-8) and **Alec Wingerd** (21-14). Sixth formers **Will Smith** (18-11) and **Alex Wagner** (19-10), as well as third former **Tucker Almany** (19-11) won nearly 20 matches.

Others with winning records this season were: sixth former students **Kevin Cooper, Patrick Hart, Steven Hart** and **Billy Walendom**; fifth

formers **Ian Treger** and **Henry Meehan**; and, fourth former **Levi Schindel**.

Justin Pank also hit the 75 career win plateau finishing with a four year record of 77-36. Several wrestlers earned individual accolades this season: Five Saints won their



respective weight class at the MAC Championship: Tucker Almany (113 lbs.), Alec Wingerd (132 lbs.), Justin Pank (160 lbs.), Billy Walendom (170 lbs.) and Patrick Hart (220 lbs.). This was Justin Pank's third MAC title. At the Maryland Independent School tournament, Patrick Hart placed eighth at 195 lbs. and became the first Saint James wrestler to earn All-State honors since 2007-2008.

This group of sixth form wrestlers has left the program in a better place than when they arrived. However, I believe the future is bright with Almany, Meehan, Treger and Schindel, among others, returning for what hopes to be a promising 2014-15.



Junior Varsity Wrestling
Head Rob Wineski

The 2013-14 season for the junior varsity wrestling team can be summed up in one word: growth. The team, led by Coach Vitkun, Coach Wineski and Coach Frick,

MVP: Nana Kerse
Ntim-Addae
MIP: Robert Walker
Coaches' Award: Trey Moss

grew in the immeasurable and measurable aspects of the sport. Most importantly, the team's commitment and intensity developed steadily throughout the season.

Growing pains were to be expected with a team almost completely new to wrestling, let alone wrestling at Saint James. To their credit, the new boys jumped right in, with several first and second year wrestlers competing in the Holloway Tournament, an early season varsity tournament hosted by Saint James. Third formers, **Tiger Hao** and **Jacob Yang**, and fourth former, **Trey Moss**, among others, all made appearances in the tournament and performed impressively, showing strong enthusiasm.

As the season progressed, the team participated in several dual meets with other JV teams. Although scores were never officially kept, the young

Saints performed admirably in each match. The highlight of these events was a tri-meet the Saints hosted with St. John's College High School (D.C.) and Mountain Ridge School (VA). In this match, many Saints notched wins. Specific highlights were **Robert Walker** (third form) battling back from four points down to end up pinning an opponent who was a weight class above him. Strong performances were put in by: **Gonzalo Uribe** (second form) and **Tiger Hao** (lightweights); third formers, **Jack Krasny, Enrique Alarcon** and **Armando Alvarez** (middleweights); **Jacob Yang** (third form), **Robert Walker** and fourth former, **James Liu** (light heavyweights). The coaches applauded

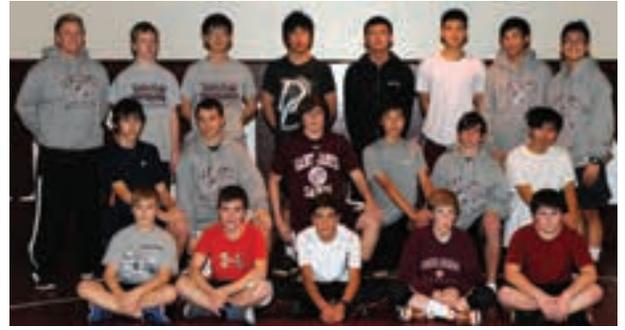
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the efforts of all who participated.

The season culminated with the Saint James JV wrestling tournament on February 8th. The annual event featured teams from Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia and D.C. Although the Saints had only one champion – first year wrestler, **Tyler George** (fifth form) – all of the team members demonstrated cumulative growth from

December to this event. Many of the wrestlers won at least one match during the event.

All of the coaches, along with Varsity Head Coach, Steve Lachut, are very excited about what lies ahead for this group of student-athletes.



Varsity Girls' Basketball
Head Coach Jim Fahey

The 2013-2014 winter season saw the varsity girls' basketball team compete with great success as they posted their first winning season in many years. Over the course of the team's twenty-two games, they swept the series with Hancock and Clear Spring High Schools, competed successfully in the "Think Pink Tournament" at Foxcroft School, and soundly defeated Cumberland Valley Christian School, Coppin Academy and the Frederick Warriors.

During the season, sixth former co-captain **Kerri Kline** led the team in just about every statistical category. Kline ended the year averaging nearly 23 points per game along with 10 rebounds and four steals. On a number of occasions, she scored more than thirty points. In the season's last game, she outscored Clear Spring High School when she scored a school record

34 points on the last night of her high school career. Her final tally put her as one of the area's top scorers. Co-captain and fellow sixth form student, **Madison Fahey** aided the Saints cause by scoring just over seven points per game. Fahey also had a number of steals and rebounds during many key moments in some tight contests. **Nikki Jenkinson** (sixth form) and fourth formers, **Leanne Ludwick** and **Sophie Abeles** rounded out the starting five.

Jenkinson, over the course of the season, became a solid rebounder and was good at anchoring the center of the Saint's zone defenses. Ludwick, before suffering a high ankle sprain in the last week of the season, showed great improvement as a scorer and was perhaps the team's best one-on-one perimeter defender as was most evident when she shut down Clear

Spring's best scorer early in the season. Abeles showed great determination over the course of the season and made key baskets in several close games.

The team's bench was made up of four girls who, over the course of the season, made key contributions at

MVP: Kerri Kline
MIP: Leanne Ludwick
Coaches' Award: Nikki Jenkinson

different junctures. **Ellie Williams** (fifth form) stepped into the starting guard role when Ludwick sustained her injury and had

strong floor games against Jefferson High School and Clear Spring. **Grace McFillen** (fifth form) also came off the bench as was able to play many different positions. She had exceptional games against Bishop Walsh and Cumberland Valley Christian School. The final fifth former was **McKenna Hough** who played mostly center. Her season highlights came with an eight rebound second half in a very tight game against Clear Spring, and an impressive rebound in the second half against Jefferson High School. The team's final substitution was **Hannah McMullin** (fourth form) who showed good growth both on offense and defense during the season.

The team's manager was sixth form student, **Maddie Guillard** who helped keep the team organized both at home and on the road.



JV Girls' Basketball

Head Coach Laurie Douglass

The 2013-2014 junior varsity girls' basketball season has been a long and winding road—a circuitous journey characterized by individual fundamentals (dribbling and shooting), larger concepts (offensive sets, defensive strategies and out of bounds plays) and multiple vacations along the way. The story began in mid-November when a group of novice athletes, united solely by the desire to try basketball, joined the squad. Twelve brave, resilient souls with a wide range of experience and skills, soon defined the themes that would guide

MVP: Meredith Day
MIP: Kira Davis
Coaches' Award: Carter Pennington

them through the challenges ahead and allow them to shock opponents in the second half of the season with the magnitude of their improvement and growth: "Work hard. Work together. Believe and Persevere."

Three particular match-ups against Wakefield Academy, Jefferson High School and Mt. Airy Christian Academy illustrate the depth of this growth and the maturation of these athletes into true basketball players. The opening game of the season with Wakefield Academy resulted in a rather scary and disappointing 39-4 loss. The next practice session involved some soul-searching, goal setting and a frank conversation about sacrifice and winners. Later in the season, shortly after practicing a new fast break strategy, the Saints turned the tables on the same Wakefield team, defeating them by a score of 17-8.

A mere forty-eight hours after the initial Wakefield defeat, the Saints found themselves back on the court against a formidable Jefferson High School team, and already there was reason to hope. Albeit in a 32-20 defeat, third formers **Elizabeth Fahey** and **Claire Fulton** led the team with seven points each. Fahey

and Fulton were joined by fourth former, **Maddie Craft**, in displaying the leadership that would eventually result in their selection as team captains. Fahey proved herself a capable point guard and confident floor general. Fulton showed her defensive prowess and the sweet baseline jump that would become her signature move. Craft consistently worked hard and proved herself reliable and determined. Just that quickly, the team had reached its first goal of scoring twenty points in a game, a feat the girls would repeat eight more times before the season's end.

Two-and-a-half months later, the Saints faced Jefferson High School once again. Taking control early, the Saints never relinquished the lead, holding off a late Jefferson surge with fourteen fourth quarter points. This victory highlighted both the effectiveness of the team's balanced attack, with seven players scoring baskets, as well as the depth of development along the entire roster. The most exciting points came from several three-point shots by third former, **Chandler Marshall**. Third former, **Claire Zimmermann** proved herself up to the task, fighting for important rebounds and demonstrating a solid understanding of a complex and critical defensive rotation. Chandler and second former, **Alexia Tiches** provided a defensive spark with their instincts, quickness and spunk. **Naydia Rowe** (third form) sprang off the bench with her typical joyful abandon and nailed a three-pointer only to have it waved off. **Carter Pennington** (third form) played with the unflappable composure, solid decision-making, and near perfect jump shot form that earned her the honor of



this season's Coaches' Award.

The re-match with Mt. Airy was one of the games in which the team's Most Valuable Player, third form student, **Meredith Day** earned her stripes, playing an inspired game, scoring 16 points and securing 18 rebounds in the 28-21 victory. She finished the season leading the team in scoring with five points and 10 rebounds per game.

The final honor of the season, the Most Improved Player, was earned by **Kira Davis** (third form). New to basketball from a dance background, she found herself challenged in ways she never imagined. With the careful application of her mental and physical talents, Kira developed into a formidable post player and a fierce competitor. She sank five of seven free throws in a game against Bishop Walsh and finished the season as the second leading rebounder on the team. Her basketball potential knows no bounds.

This season's success would not have been possible without the important, daily contributions and dedication of every single player, on and off the court—from the quiet charm of **Bailey Adams** (third form) to the not-so-quiet enthusiasm of **Kerr Ko** (third form), and everyone in between. I am especially grateful to the supportive parents of the Saint James community, to my assistant coach, Ms. Katie Weida, and to **Kristen Deiner** (fourth form), our team manager.

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Varsity Boys' Basketball

Head Coach Daniel Prete

The 2013–2014 Saint James boys' varsity basketball team finished with a 22-5 record. Along the way, the team won the prestigious Sleepy Thompson Tournament in Alexandria, VA, finished with a 10-2 MAC conference record, which was good enough for a co-championship regular season title, and the team also won the ISPL Championship.

Some highlights from the season started with a thrilling Sleepy Thompson Tournament. **Justin Robinson** (fifth form) made a last-second basket to beat highly ranked Riverdale Baptist. The next day, the team beat Norfolk Academy in the Championship. The Saints went on to play nationally ranked Life Center, NJ. The game was played at Dematha High School

MVP: Obi Enechionya
MIP: AJ Carr
Coaches' Award: Jake Thompson

and came down to a **Therence Mayimba** (sixth form) basket at the buzzer to win the game.

The team also traveled to Charlotte, NC to play in a Christmas tournament. The boys were able to play and compete with some of the top 10 teams in the country. But more importantly, the team was able to contribute to Hoodies House for Hope – an organization that helps under-privileged people in the Charlotte area. The team worked in the soup kitchen and also assisted in the clothing line. Because of this experience, the kids were able to learn some very valuable life lessons.

The team went on to beat cross-town rival, St. Maria Goretti twice to win the ISPL Championship. During these games, the team received tremendous support from the Saint James student body. The school came



out in numbers to support the team and had a huge impact.

Senior night was a tremendous night for our sixth formers. **Jake Thompson, AJ Carr, Sherman Harris, Therence Mayimba, Connor Abeles, Ryan Abbott** and **Obi Enechionya** put their stamp on the Saint James basketball program. We played and triumphed over Sidwell Friends. All seniors scored on this night and they controlled the game from start to finish.

The team also received awards at the varsity banquet. Jake Thompson was awarded the Coaches' Award for his constant dedication and willingness to step in at any position. AJ Carr was awarded the Most Improved Player award because of his constant improvement on and off the court. The team MVP went to Obi Enechionya, whose ability to control a game offensively and defensively was amazing.

Some individual awards along the way: Therence Mayimba, Obi Enechionya and Justin Robinson were selected to the All MAC team. Justin Robison and Obi Enechionya were selected to the ISPL team. Obi Enechionya will attend and play next year for Temple University.

Therence Mayimba will attend and play next year for George Mason. Jake Thompson will attend and play for Roanoke College. AJ Carr and Sherman Harris are in the process of making college decisions.



Therence Mayimba



Obi Enechionya

JV Boys' Basketball
Head Coach David O'Connell

The boys' junior varsity basketball squad showed tremendous effort, toughness and determination this season, becoming an excellent defensive team and staying together in one of our most challenging schedules to date. Leading the way, was MVP winner, fifth former, **Caleb Goodie**, who, along with his backcourt teammate, **Ryan Brown** (fourth form), served as our team co-captain. Caleb's leadership on and off the court was inspiring. His game against TC Williams captures everything Caleb represented for us. Positioned against much bigger competition in that game, Caleb played the "biggest." He scored 12 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, nabbed five steals and collected six assists, all while guarding the opposing team's best player. Along with Caleb, Ryan Brown showed tremendous leadership, becoming our go-to wing scorer and leading our team in scoring average for the season.

Rounding out our backcourt starting line-up was **Myles Nicholson**, a third former, who showed great potential as a shooting guard, knocking down long-range three-point shots, and leading our team in three-point field goal percentage. Other key guards included **Victor Rose-Smith**, a second former and our most athletic scorer-slasher; second former, **Parker Tribble**, our Most Improved Player Award winner; **Jaret Mahoney**

(third form), another terrific shooter with great potential; **James Chang** (fifth form), a player who served the team well not only as a wing, but also as a forward; and, third form player, **Nick Nelson**, who was our most passionate and energetic wing defender, always eager to guard the opposing team's best player.

Anchoring our post, was fifth former, **Cam Wilkerson**, who grabbed 10 rebounds a game and served as our inside scoring threat and rim protector. **Luke Thompson** (fourth form) also did a great job crashing the boards, averaging eight rebounds a game and playing every minute with incredible passion and competitive intensity. Joining Cam and Luke this year were two third formers, **Teddy Batson**, who developed into an outstanding defender, and **Noel Patterson**, our Coaches' Award winner, who not only made the most of his minutes, but demonstrated complete dedication to his teammates and coaches. Noel was always the first player to volunteer to carry equipment or do any job that would help our squad. I absolutely admire Noel's dedication to duty and I appreciate everything he did for the team.

Last but not least, Coach Kuwada, who had never coached basketball before this season, became a very good coach and an outstanding mentor to the players. His genuine kindness and sincere commitment to the team was a tremendous help to me and to our athletes. To Coach Kuwada and everyone on this team—including our wonderful sixth form team manager, **Kevin Eun**—thank you so much for your effort and dedication this season.

MVP: Caleb Goodie
MIP: Parker Tribble
Coaches' Award: Noel Patterson



Junior Boys' Basketball
Head Coach Evan Solis

The 2013-2014 season for the junior boys' basketball team started off very slowly. With only three returning players from last year, it took a while to establish good team mentality and play while developing and learning



new skills and techniques. Despite starting the season slowly, the Saints showed great improvement by getting closer and closer to victory with every game. They achieved this by working hard at practice, day in and day out, to improve defensively and offensively.

The team lost its point guard and vocal leader, **Eric Yoon** (third form) after three games. Although it took the Saints several games to master a different style of play, they were soon able to overcome Hancock for their first win, 45-13. The players were led by third former, **Masahiro Tanaka's** 12 points.

The boys were able to follow that game up with a resounding win against Broadfording Christian Academy, 40-21, in which **Alex Kim** (second form) scored 16 points, a season high for any Saint. In the stretch of games that followed, the Saints showed good improvement through execution of plays and tough team defense, especially in the interior, led by **Colin Williams** (second form) and **Kofi Agyeman** (third form).

While the team wasn't able to finish on a winning streak, the players showed their ability to improve as a team. The boys also enhanced their individual skills as they continued to learn and mature in the game of basketball.



Leaving A Legacy

Why Saint James School Is In My Estate Plan

By John D. Worthington, IV '69

Saint James was not my first choice for boarding school. I had graduated from the Harford Day School in Bel Air, Maryland, and I wanted to go to a prep school that was coed, nearby and allowed you to go home on weekends. In those days, however, you went where you were told!

My late mother often said that sending me to Saint James was the best decision she and my father ever made. I was not a particularly good student, and was tutored or went to summer school during two of my four years at Saint James. I was a prefect at Saint James, and played football. Many of the best lessons I learned about life came from the football field and Head Coach, David Wachter.

Looking back, graduating from Saint James was probably one of the hardest things I ever did in my life. My grandmother wanted my parents to take me out of Saint James. On her first visit to the school, she was horrified by the condition of Claggett Hall. There had been a fire at the boarding school one of my uncles attended, and grandmother was convinced it would happen at Saint James.

After graduating from Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina, in 1973, I went to work at my family's weekly newspaper, *The Aegis*, in Bel Air. I was the fourth generation to work at the newspaper. My career began as a reporter, and I eventually became co-publisher with my cousin. I was also president of the radio station we owned in Bel Air. I served a term as president of the Maryland Delaware DC Press Association, and mine is the only family to have three members serve as president of the organization.

In 1986, the family sold the newspaper to the *Baltimore Sun*, which was owned by the Times Mirror Company of California. I remained as a vice president and publisher. Through acquisitions, the operation soon had three weekly newspapers, a magazine, five free publications and a large commercial

printing operation. A new corporate entity was formed, Homestead Publishing Co., and I continued as publisher of the newspapers, and vice president of Homestead.

Times Mirror was later acquired by the Tribune Company of Chicago, and I continued in the same role. I retired in 2010 after 37 years in the newspaper business. Since then, I have devoted most of my time to working at my 150 acre farm, hunting, target shooting, gardening, reading and engaging in non-profit work.

I did a great deal of thinking before I made Saint James the main beneficiary of my estate. I never married, and only have a sister and a few nephews and nieces in my family. I knew a large part of my estate would go to good causes. The only real issue was where to donate the money. There are certainly plenty of worthy non-profits I have worked with in my community; but, they are all very public, and have large constituencies to draw donations from.

In the end, I decided to leave the bulk of my estate to Saint James for two reasons. The first is I believe the school gave me a moral compass that helped keep my life centered. The lessons I learned at Saint James about honor, integrity, perseverance and friendship have served me so well. Like most people, I have made plenty of mistakes in my life, but I am absolutely certain my experience at Saint James made a huge difference in how well my life turned out.

The second reason for my bequest to Saint James is that I know it will have a significant impact on the future of our school. I am designating my bequest to the endowment be used for scholarships—an area where Saint James desperately needs help. The schools we compete against for students all have endowments many times the size of Saint James, and we lose applicants to them because we are unable



John Worthington enjoys a day on his farm.

to offer as much scholarship assistance.

In many ways, Saint James is a far better school today than it was when I attended in the 1960s. The students now have first-rate dorms, the masters (faculty members) have fine classrooms and the athletic facilities are terrific. The campus has changed so much; but, the most important things remain the same. Saint James students still live by the honor code, have good manners, learn to be leaders and how to interact with adults and are well prepared for college. Our school has stuck to its mission and values. In today's world, that is a very rare thing.

I can't make a really large gift to Saint James now because I am retired and living off income from my investments and pension. What I can do, however, is to make a bequest to our school in my will. If all goes as planned, my gift will be large enough to make a big difference in how much scholarship aid we will be able to offer students.

I hope others will join me in including Saint James in their wills, or look at tax saving vehicles such as charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities and tax-free IRA distributions. One thing I have learned about donations is there is no such thing as "only". Every gift to a small school like ours is important; and, a bequest is just one way of thanking a school that had such an important impact on our lives.

For information about the Fountain Rock Legacy Society, contact Father Stuart Dunnan at (301) 733-9330 or dsdunnan@stjames.edu.



Let Your (School) Spirit Soar

2014 Alumni Weekend is Nearly Here

April 25-27

It's that time of year again! We are gearing up for the 2014 Alumni Weekend here at Saint James and we are very excited to welcome alumni and their families back to campus to join us for a wonderful weekend experience, April 25-April 27.

This is a great opportunity to catch up with old classmates, visit with former teachers and take a look around campus to see what has changed since the last time you were in the neighborhood.

In addition to our usual Alumni Weekend activities, we have a few new items in the line-up that we are excited to offer, including our feature event: hot air balloon rides!

Please take a look at the schedule (right) and don't forget to register online or by mail. We look forward to seeing you back on campus in April. If you have any questions about the weekend, please feel free to contact the Development and Alumni Relations Office at (301) 733-9330.



To register for Alumni Weekend, please visit our website: www.stjames.edu/AlumniEvents.



Friday Events - April 25, 2014

Time	Event	Location
5:00 pm	Half-Century Club Reception (by invitation, for classes of '64 and Before)	Biggs Rectory
TBD	Class Reunions	Off Campus

Saturday Events - April 26, 2014

Time	Event	Location
9 am – Noon	Registration and Information	Refectory Porch and Lobby
9:00 am	5K Fun Run and Runners' Pancake Breakfast (9:30 – 10:30 am)	Refectory
11:00 am	All-Alumni Meeting	Chapel
Noon	Buffet Lunch (Open to All Visitors)	Refectory
12:15 – 1:45 pm	Young Alumni Picnic: Classes of '94 or More	Biggs Rectory Lawn
Various	Student Athletic Events (schedule subject to change)	Athletic Fields
1 pm – 3 pm	Children's Activities	Fulton Lawn (tentative)
1 pm – 4 pm	Featured Event: Hot Air Balloon Rides (Tethered balloon)	Bai Yuka fields (tentative)
1 pm – 4 pm	Video: Share Your Favorite Saint James Memories with Us	Claggett Sitting Room
1 pm – 4 pm	Golf: Driving and Chipping Contest	Smith-Phillips Driving Range
1:30 pm	Campus Tours	Begin from Refectory Porch
2:00 – 4:00 pm	Student Art Exhibit	Fine Arts Center
4:15	Chick Meehan's Open House	Chick's House
6:00 pm	Alumni Dinner	Refectory
8:15 pm	Student Concert	Chapel

Sunday Events - April 27, 2014

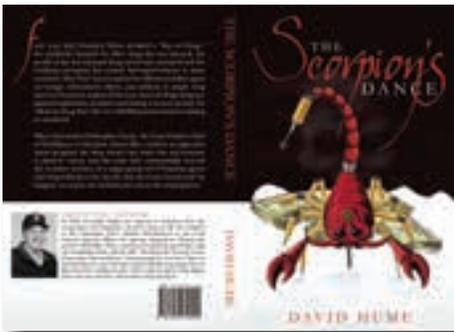
Time	Event	Location
11:00 am	Remembrance Service: Eucharist of Thanksgiving for our Founders and Benefactors	Chapel
12:00 Noon	Farewell Brunch	Refectory



[class notes]

1962

Gerardo Fernandez ('83) who resides in Mexico City, sent an update on **David Hume**. David's book, *The Scorpion's Dance*, has been published in English and Spanish (*La Danza del Escorpión*). The English version is available on Amazon and Kindle. The Spanish version was published in print and on Kindle in February. The book was published after 15 years of effort and 107 rejection letters. **Steve Webster's** influence also helped.



1964

William Howze's eldest son, Evan, graduated from law school and passed the Bar exam in 2013. This May, Evan will marry his sweetheart of five years.

1971

Thomas Bruggman is restoring antiques and fine furniture, writing poetry and keeping all family and friends on their toes.

1991

Andrew Sargent works as Downtown Manager for the City of Hagerstown in the Department of Community and Economic Development. In February, he married his wife Tara, who works as Executive Director of Leadership Washington County. They live in the North end of Hagerstown, MD.

1997

Peter Webb and his wife, Brooke have two children, Reins, who is three-years-old, and Addison, who is two. The family lives in Brentwood, TN.

1998

James Haas and his wife visited **Ken Nualsong** and his wife and children and **Phureerut "Army" Ratanavitch** in Thailand. (See photos, below.)



2000

Last fall, **Kirsten Logan** attended the Women of Color in Science and Technology Engineering Math (STEM) Awards Conference to receive the Booze Allen Hamilton "Rising Star in Technology Award" for 2013.

2001

Andrew Richwine married Frida Pena, a family practitioner working in Tacoma, WA. The couple was married in San Salvador, and resides in Issaquah, WA. Andrew has worked for Amazon as a computer engineer for four years.

2002

Kourtney Logan is assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division in Ft. Bragg, NC. She serves as a dentist, supporting the troops of the 82nd. She has also completed dozens of airborne jumps. She will attend the Baylor University School of Dental Medicine in Dallas, TX to specialize in pediatrics/ortho dentistry, a two-year program beginning in May 2014.

2003

Troy Townsend's wife, Emily, gave birth to a baby girl named Lucy Bzdyk Townsend. Lucy was born Feb 19, 2014 at 5:25 p.m. The proud parents are enjoying their new edition, and catching up on sleep where possible.

2004

John Gahan has been living in Azerbaijan for the past four-and-a-half years since his Peace Corps service in that country. He is currently living in the city of Kazan, where he is teaching English. This summer, he plans to take the next step in his adventure and is considering graduate school and other unique service opportunities.

Whitney Kimmel was recently promoted to Web Merchandising Specialist for Norwegian Cruise Line and is currently living in Miami, FL. She will graduate from the University of Miami in May with her Master of Business Administration. She was also named the Vice President of the Young Associates of Coral



Gables Museum and elected onto the Executive Committee of the New World Symphony.

Jenn Iuliano Robinson welcomed a new addition on February 28, 2014. Carter Lee Robinson was born at 3:12 p.m. He weights 7lbs, 20 oz., and is 20 inches long. (See photo, below.)



Hana Stecova works as a nurse in Philadelphia, PA. She has also been pursuing her passion for service by organizing trips to Africa with co-workers and friends in the medical community. She raised funds and collected medical supplies so they could provide free medical care to residents in Nakuru, Kenya and the surrounding villages. She and her organization have taken two trips to Kenya, and look forward to more in the future. (See photo, below.)



2005

John Richwine is completing his M.A. in Ohio. He and his wife, Alicia, will move to Great Falls, MT after he sits for the professional engineering exam. They will be “neighbors” with **Eric Brooks** who is now a captain in the Air Force.

Molly Kempson graduated with a B.A. in studio art from Agnes Scott College in 2009. She is teaching kindergarten and elementary school art to students in Gainesville, FL.

2006

Katie Richwine is working for the U.S. Geological Survey and resides in St. Petersburg. She is currently exploring new opportunities.

2008

Lynley Peoples graduated Summa Cum Laude from George Mason University in May 2013 with a B.F.A. in Theatre Performance. She was inducted into Phi Beta Cappa and the order of the Golden Key.

James Kempson graduated with a B.A. in finance from Wofford College in 2012. He received his Master’s in Accounting at the College of Charleston in 2013 and is taking his CPA exams.



In Memoriam

Lila Ward Chichester Wenner passed away on March 22, 2014 in Adamstown, MD. She was the wife of **William Wenner**. Mr. Wenner served as Chair of the Saint James School Board of Trustees for many years. She was also the mother of an alumnus, **Peter W.C. Wenner** '75.

Robert N.H. Sener '52 passed away on Saturday, January 11, 2014, in West Hartford, CT. Mr. Sener was a long-serving member of the school’s Board of Trustees.

Arthur Leo Peterson, MD, FACP, FAPA, father of **Walter Peterson** '70, passed away on January 31, 2014.

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2009

Jordan Barr, who attended Franklin & Marshall College, is playing lacrosse for the Beverly Hills Bucks Lacrosse Club, along with former Saint James coach, **Charlie McNeill**. Our thanks to **Chris Milmo**, also a former faculty member, for sharing an article about star players, Jordan and Charlie.

2011

Ashley Siebeneichen was selected by world-renowned composer and lyricist Charles Strouse to serve as his intern in New York. The internship allows her to assist with the off-Broadway show, “How 2 B a New Yorker.”

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Saint James to Offer Summer Basketball Camps

This summer, boys and girls, ages 6-17 can learn how to play basketball during day camp at Saint James.

"Dan Prete Basketball Camp," taught by Varsity Basketball Coach, Dan Prete, is designed to teach the fundamentals of the game of basketball to boys and girls of all levels. The camp emphasizes individual skills, fundamentals, team strategy and team play, all within a positive teaching and learning environment that is surrounded by fun. Our focus will be on individual improvement, sportsmanship, teamwork, work ethic and leadership skills.

Who: Boys & Girls Ages 6-17 (from beginners to advanced)

Where: Saint James School
17641 College Road
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Times: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Session I: June 30 - July 3 (NO Camp Fri., July 4th)

Session II: July 14 - 18

Session III: July 21 - 25

For additional details and to register, download a camp brochure and registration form, visit: <https://www.stjames.edu/SummerPrograms>
Or, email: danpretebasketballcamp@gmail.com

About Dan

Dan Prete has over 20 years of coaching experience. He has coached and developed 44 Division I scholarship athletes and four NBA players—Kevin Durant, Linas Kleiza, Greivas



Vasquez, and Terrence Ross. He has over 15 years of summer camp experience, including 12 years as the Director of the Stu Vetter Basketball Camp. In the summer of 2013, he traveled to Casablanca, Morocco as a representative for Nike to assist with the TIBU Basketball Camp. He is the current head varsity boys' basketball coach at Saint James School in Hagerstown, MD.



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