

The Voice



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For Alumni, Friends and Families of Saint Joseph Central Catholic High School

Advice to seniors "Carpe Diem"

Sunday May 27 the 69 members of the St. Joseph Central Catholic High School class of 2007 said good-bye during the baccalaureate and commencement ceremonies at St. Joseph Church.

Valedictorian Matthew Kwiatkowski challenged his classmates to follow the class motto "Carpe Diem" during his address to the class. LeighAnne Autullo, salutatorian,



Matthew Kwiatkowski

spoke of the importance of thanking those that influenced them to get where they are today. The next five highest ranking seniors were Antonia Alcalá, Michael Blohm, Anthony Rusher, Molly Wise, and Brian Johnson.

The Bishop's Cross awards, considered the most prestigious awards given to one female and one male senior were awarded to Catherine Darr and Kwiatkowski.

The Ethel Smith Outstanding Female Athlete award went to Wise and the Robert Smith Outstanding Male Athlete award to Grant Barbour. The Alumni & Friends award was presented to Laura Harman, The Honor Award for Outstanding Loyalty and Service to Carrie Gabel. The recipients of this year's Excellence in Religion awards went to Rusher and Jennifer Freeh.

The Sara Barbour Memorial Award for Courage was presented to Brian Johnson.

Other awards included the Michael D. Root Scholarship to Kwiatkowski, the Donald W. and Marguerite Jane Paul scholarship to Johnson and Amethyst Wolf, the Sara M. Barbour Memorial Scholarship to Freeh, Gabel and Rusher.

The students earning the highest subject averages were Kelsey Gallagher (Art), Darr (Band), Alcalá (English and Spanish), Blohm (French), Kwiatkowski (Math, Science, (Social Studies). Kwiatkowski maintained perfect attendance for all four years.



Leigh Anne Autullo

The class of 2007 was offered over \$3.4 million dollars in scholarships.



Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)

The results of our 10th graders that took the OGT test this past March are

Reading	100% Passed
Writing	100% Passed
Math	98% Passed
Science	94% Passed
Social Studies	95% Passed

91% OF OUR SOPHOMORES PASSED ALL 5 TESTS

100% OF OUR GRADUATING SENIORS PASSED THIS TEST

Student Council Students of the Month

One student from each class year was chosen monthly by faculty and staff for their hard work and effort in and out of the classrooms.

September: Brad Oddo, Chris Ronski, John Neiling, Robbie Hart

October: Linsay Ackerman, Jordan Rodriguez, Brittany Alonzo, Chris Liebold

November: Carrie Gabel, Libby Engeman, Rachel Wurzel, Courtney Stierwalt

December: Stephanie Golamb, Alex Reineck, Kristin Morrison, Carrie Burns

January: Emily Overmyer, Cory Snider, Veronica Herrera, Mandy Berryman

February: Alex Filiater, Barbara Miller, Janelle Ochs, Sophia Cullen

March: Matt Kwiatkowski, Ali Woodruff, Miranda Molyet, Bryce Cleveland

April: Megan Luc, Brook Kerr, Ann Rusher, Libby Johnson

May: Kyle Miller, Andrew Wolf, Jillian Tarolli, Kara Hay

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Please keep in your prayers

Erin (Huss'96) Gomez has organized a benefit concert for her cousin Molly Pontius. Six weeks after giving birth to her son Jack on February 3, Molly was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy (heart failure) due to pregnancy and childbirth. She was implanted with a defibrillator/pacemaker, which was not successful. She was then approved for a heart transplant through the OSU Heart Center in Columbus. Molly received her new heart at 4:15a.m. Sunday, June 10. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

On July 11 at 7:00p.m. the Sacred Heart Folk Band will have a concert with a free will offering. All proceeds will go to help with the medical bills, especially the cobra insurance which is \$1000 per month and the expense of the medications after the transplant, which can be thousands of dollars each month. An account has been set up at Fifth Third Bank. Checks can be made out to "Molly Pontius Medical Fund" and deposited there or sent to Erin Gomez 1816 Strathmoor Ave. Toledo, OH 43614 or contact Erin at erin-gomez@sbcglobal.net

From the Principal



Greetings,
I want to start off by congratulating our 69 graduates who received their diplomas on May 27. They are tremendous young people, who will truly be missed at SJCC. I wish them nothing but the best and may God bless them always.

This class was offered nearly 3.5 million dollars in scholarship money. I also want to congratulate Emily Overmyer for finishing sixth place in the discus at the state tournament. Congratulations are also in order for Coach Rick Barbour, his staff and the SJCC baseball team for their semifinal appearance in the state baseball tournament.

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This past year's sophomore class did terrific with the Ohio Graduation Tests. Ninety one percent of them passed all five parts of the test. You can read more about this in this issue of the voice. This says a lot about the quality education our students are receiving in our Catholic grade schools and at SJCC.

At this time I also want to say good-bye to Kathy Boukissen and best of luck in her new position. Kathy has been a tremendous asset to St. Joseph Central

The Voice salutes..Sue (Hoffman '76) Kusmer

Here at SJCC we are very proud of our faculty and staff. They go above and beyond their jobs to support and care for your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Without them SJCC wouldn't be the great institution it is today. We salute these fine men and women in this special feature because we would like to introduce them to you and acknowledge their dedication to SJCC.

Mike Gabel, Principal

At 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday Sue Kusmer sets her mental processes to automatic pilot. As SJCC office manager she makes certain that all systems are a go each and every day. Not only does she arrange for substitute teachers, but she also alerts the students to any room changes, runs off teaching materials and instructions for the subs and completes the necessary financial paperwork.



Catholic. She is a true professional and has a great passion for SJCC. She was a pleasure to work with and will be missed very much.

Finally, I hope all of you have a great and safe summer. May God continue to bless you and your families. Thanks for all your generosity and please continue to keep us in your prayers.

GO STREAKS!

Mike

"Finding last minute subs or getting other teachers to fill in can be daunting," she said, smiling. "Sometimes 30 minutes seems like three."

In the midst of this race against the clock, she answers the phone, clarifies the day's activities to faculty, staff and students, and keeps tabs on the whereabouts of all employees including her boss, principal Mike Gabel.

She also helps with all the activities that are scheduled during senior week and with graduation. "Sue is always there to lend a helping hand for anyone in need. She is involved in every aspect of the school and will always stop her work to help someone else," commented senior advisor Bev Buckley.

As the final bell of the day resounds throughout the building, Kusmer resets herself. This last year when she had both a senior and sophomore involved in sports, she often found herself driving to a sporting event before heading home for the evening. Sue and her husband Rick have three children, Ali, Jenny and Jake.

Thank you....

Terri & Joel Gallagher-for decorating the cafeteria for the Heritage Award banquet.

Yolanda Reyna and her staff for the Heritage Award banquet dinner.

Streacker Tractor Sales for use of Sky-Trak to install outside lights at SJCC.

Ed Streacker, Greg Streacker, Groweg Farms, Nick Streacker, Ali Streacker, Ryan Ramey,

K-F Ventures-Dave Jenkins, Kevin Smith and the Fremont Fire Department -for renovating, grass seed, straw, dirt and watering the SJCC football practice field at Sacred Heart.

The 2007 Graduates, Faculty, and Staff of St. Joseph Central Catholic High School thank all the generous men and women who helped to judge our 2007 Senior Projects this year. Your support and dedication to our community and school is always appreciated. All of the following people have greatly contributed to the future success of our 2007 graduates:

Mr. Antonio Alcala

Mrs. Lucy Baxter

Dr. Penny Mullins-Braun

Mr. Daniel Byers

Ms. Meredith Dray

Mr. Tom Dudley

Mr. Ken Dumminger

Mrs. Marlene Fisher

Mr. Robert Hart

Mr. Robert Haslinger

Ms. Lisa Hoffman

Mrs. Becky Holland

Mr. and Mrs. Gary and

Bette Kaltenbach

Mrs. Donna Kelly

Mrs. Julie Kreilick

Ms. Barb Krzewinski

Mr. John Lauer

Mrs. Jan Lender

Mr. and Mrs. Tom and

Ellen Leite

Mr. Mick Lento

Mrs. Anne Marquis

Mr. Vince Millitello

Mr. Mike Naufel

Mr. Terry M. Overmyer

Dr. Mark Reineck

Mrs. Kathi Schell

Mrs. Colleen Schlea

Mr. Ed. Streacker

Mrs. Connie Warner

Mrs. Anne Warner

Mr. Mike Wasserman

Ms. Susan Wurzel

Art Club gets taste of ‘Big Apple’

Fifteen Art Club members, advisor Amy Rospert, and an assortment of siblings and adult chaperones took a big bite out of the Big Apple recently when they spent four days in New York City. But did they take on more than they could chew?

They visited the Museum of Modern Art, the Museum of Natural History, the Guggenheim Museum, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. They went to Chinatown, Central Park, Times Square, and the Empire State Building. Additionally, they stopped at Trump Tower, Rockefeller Center, and Ground Zero. Before they left they also managed to take in a Broadway play (*Wicked* or *Lion King*) and relaxed on a two-hour cruise down the Hudson River and up the East River. That was one big bite!

“Watching *Wicked* was one of the best experiences of going to New York,” said sophomore Derek Dickman. “The actors and actresses were awesome and the play was fantastic.”

Rospert decided to take her art club to New York after talking with long-time friend Tammy Weaver, who teaches art at Newton High School, just north of Dayton. Weaver has taken her art club to Chicago in previous years, but this year the students wanted to go to the ‘Big Apple’. Rospert decided to ask her club if anyone wanted to go along. “It was a great opportunity for several students who were there for the first time,” said Rospert, “and an amazing experience for those who had been there before.” “The Empire State Building at night was amazing!” said junior Kaitie Williams. “I’ll always remember it.” Junior Michelle Novitski agreed. “You really feel like you’re on top of the world. It made me forget about everything else in my life and I just focused on that moment.”

While in New York they also attended Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Students saw the works of Van Gogh, Jackson Pollock, and Andy Warhol at the Museum of Modern Art, watched an explosive film on planets at the Museum of Natural History, and viewed Egyptian artwork at the Metropolitan Museum, said Rospert. “I want to go back!” said Williams. Apparently getting a taste of the Big Apple wasn’t more than she could chew!

Care packages nice surprise

By Christine Engeman

For a high school student, semester exams are always a stressful experience. Whether a freshman or a senior, everyone breathes a collective sigh of relief when exams are over.

This being said, it was a pleasant surprise for many students who found an Exam Care Package inside their locker on the first day of exams. Each package contained snacks, a water bottle, and a note from the parents.

“I thought that it was really nice of my parents,” said junior Kristy Chestnutt.

The idea was borrowed from BGSU by student council advisor Amy Ronski.

“Student Council wanted to try something different to support the student body,” said Ronski. “I knew that these were done on the college level and I thought it would be fun.”

Ronski and student council members put the care packages together. The cost to the parents was ten dollars.

“We had really good participation from the parents and I think the kids really enjoyed it,” Ronski said.

First SJCC dinner theater features “Nunsense”

In April over 200 people attended the first SJCC Dinner Theater in the Margo Reilly Athletic and Performing Arts Center.

After a meal of soup, salad, bread and dessert, theatergoers

were entertained by the Little Sisters of Hoboken as they tried to raise the money needed to bury several sisters who died of soup poisoning!

“Nunsense” was performed by seniors Antonia Alcala, Christine Engeman and Amethyst Wolf, junior Ali Woodruff and sophomore Allison Jay.

During intermission the “Sisters” called Bingo games for the “die-hards” who enjoy the pressure of getting numbers all in a row and awarded prizes for the winners.

Amy Miller directed the play. Yolanda Reyna, cafeteria manager, prepared the meal.



Nutrition class explores organic foods

By Chelsea Paradiso

Students in the Nutrition and Wellness class of SJCC not only discovered the physiology of nutrition, but also learned how their food choices affected their health and their world.

“This class gave me a perfect opportunity to address nutritionally related issues which we face daily, both personally and as a society” said Mrs. Liz Pietrykowski, class instructor. “My goal for this class was

to make the students aware of how their bodies utilize the food they eat and how their food choices affect their future health.”



One food choice explored was the organic food trend. They learned how organic food is grown with only animal or vegetable fertilizers as manure or bone meal. Mark Langan, an organic farmer for Mulberry Creek Herb Farm in Huron, Ohio, spoke to the class on the importance of organic methods both from his personal perspective and a global perspective.

He discussed the dangers of pesticides and how they endanger our environment and our health.

Langan explained how organic methods are used by the Mars Chocolate Company. The company, which raises its cocoa beans in South America, also plants various other vegetation, such as the banana tree, berry bushes, and indigenous grasses. These plantings provide sustenance for wildlife as well as being economically sustainable by the company. These organic methods have resulted in increased profits for the Mars Company, according to Langan.

In April the class then had the opportunity to cook and eat an organic meal at the newly renovated Ralph’s Joy of Living store in downtown Fremont.

“It was fun to apply the things we learned in the classroom on our fun, yet educational, field trip!” said senior Carly Picciuto.

SJCC grad establishes cancer site for kids

By Antonia Alcalá

While most would find it hard to juggle college, two jobs, and a social life, 2006 SJCC graduate Jennifer Lehmann does it and still manages to maintain the Kids Cancer Crusade (KCC) Web site dedicated to children with cancer. Earlier this year, Lehmann organized a drive at SJCC for childhood cancer patients. Students brought in crayons, bubbles, and a variety of other indoor games in exchange for a jeans day.

"I was so amazed by the response. It really brought tears to my eyes seeing how supported my cause is by the place I came from," said Lehmann. She also attributes the success to teacher Liz Pietrykowski and principal Mike Gabel. "Mrs. Pietrykowski really did all of the work. She set up a box in her room, and then asked Mr. Gabel if it could be a school-wide event."

The success of the SJCC drive sparked an additional three-week long drive at Victory Christian Fellowship in Fremont; talk of a postage drive in Columbus, and even a drive in Louisiana.

Lehmann created KCC after meeting Christi Thomas who suffered from neuroblastoma, a cancer in immature nerve cells. In 2002, Lehmann discovered the young girl's Web site, www.christithomas.com, soon after Thomas's diagnosis. In 2004, Lehmann met Thomas at a cheerleading competition at which the Streaks were competing.

Thomas, described by Lehmann as passionate and courageous, battled cancer for four years before she passed away on September 19, 2006 at the age of nine. Lehmann had been planning an Alex's Lemonade Stand, which raises money for kid's cancer research, in Thomas's honor for the next day.

"I never imagined that it would switch to be in her memory. It was so difficult to have to explain Christi's death to anyone who asked when they donated—many being former St. Joe students."



Though Thomas's passing was hard on Lehmann, she was inspired by the young girl's life. "After Christi died, it just gave me more determination to work on the organization. I see how important it is to get the awareness out there and to support these kids and their families. Christi is never far from my mind while I'm doing things for KCC."

This desire to inform and support resulted in the creation of yet another Web site (www.myspace.com/sayaprayerforchristi)

for Thomas. It celebrates Thomas' life and spreads awareness about neuroblastoma. It has continued to grow and involve more people. "Now that my mom knows about it, she has been willing to help out with things—like sending packages, helping pay for postage if we run out of donated ones, allowing our house to be a disaster at times with toys all over the place," Lehmann said.

This summer she will be traveling to Knoxville to meet Sydney Dudley, another neuroblastoma patient who recently relapsed. She is also joining the ongoing petition to Oprah Winfrey to have a pediatric cancer show. Lehmann believes that all could benefit from seeing the children. "Awareness is our only hope for a cure," she stated.

Lehmann is currently working to set up www.kidscancercrusade.org by establishing it's non-profit status.

"I'm brimming with ideas for the future of the organization. Feeling the support of my own high school was a big push to keep things going with the Web site [and Kids Cancer Crusade]... It has been very encouraging," she said.

Lehmann attends Bowling Green State University and is pursuing a nursing degree. She hopes to work in pediatric oncology.

If you would like to help Jennifer in her efforts please visit her website. She is also looking for a sponsor for the \$125 fee to file for incorporation.

**Kids Cancer Crusade
PO Box 1045
Fremont, OH 43420**

Deacon celebrates 25 years

By Jenny Freeh

George Miller, '58 along with other deacons will be celebrating 25 years of service in the Toledo Diocese at a banquet to be held in July at St. Joseph Parish, Sylvania, Ohio.

Miller was a member of the Ohio National Guard in Fremont and worked 37 years for the National Electrical Carbon Corporation in Fostoria.

In 1979 he went into formation to become a deacon, studying scripture, visiting hospital patients, and learning the three-fold ministries of charity, the word, and liturgy.

Kiser helps energy crisis

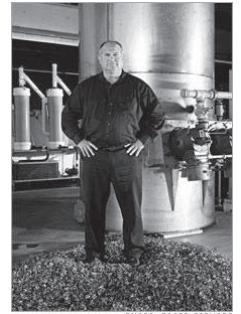
Energy has become such a pervasive element of everyday life that we crack jokes about it. Often we complain without seeing any beneficial results. This isn't true for Tom Kiser '69, though.

When he complains, people rally behind him because he's working. Kiser's complaints aren't petty gripes; he is attacking environmental irresponsibility on a worldwide scale. Kiser, known as America's Energy Coach, meets with world leaders to impart his environmental insights and with corporate leaders to improve energy efficiency, ultimately bumping up their bottom line.

One of Kiser's biggest success stories (shared with environmentalist architect William McDonough) is his \$2 billion River Rouge Ford project. Kiser outfitted Ford's River Rouge factory complex with his patented alternative heating and ventilation system.

Bigfoot (as dubbed for its size) is a roof-mounted, computer-controlled, ductless heating and ventilating air house. For factory owners, that translates into huge savings. For Ford, it means saving over \$50 million in fuel costs per year. The kicker lies in its environmental savings: 257,000 tons of carbon emissions cut annually just from Ford.

Kiser doesn't rest comfortably upon his success, however. His latest venture is a "liquid chimney" that removes carbon dioxide from coal and natural gas furnaces. The chimney accomplishes this by combining a special solution with the exhaust as it passes through plastic or stainless steel rings. Hot water and calcium carbonate are the process results, a planet-healthy, energy-efficient mixture.



CO₂ Buster: Tom Kiser, at his Fremont, Ohio, shop, stands on a pile of stainless-steel rings used in his liquid chimney (background) to help filter out greenhouse gas. (Photo and description from CNNMoney.com)

"It was a lot of homework," said Miller, who was ordained in 1982.

His first assignment was Millersville St. Mary's and Kansas St. James. When St. James Parish closed, Miller was reassigned in January of 2006 to Bascom St. Patrick and Liberty St. Andrew.

"It has been wonderful," he commented.

Miller and his wife Carol (Holman) of Risingsun have four sons, Tom, Dave, Mike, and Joe and 12 grandchildren.

Booster Club News

Again this school year the SJCC Booster Club supported boys and girls athletic programs with \$59,566 for funding the numerous programs. Twenty thousand dollars was given to Principal Mike Gabel in unrestricted funds as needed for athletics, plus \$5,000 was given from the revenue of the annual transportation reverse raffle. The Fremont Football Foundation received \$10,000 as part of the Club's commitment to the Don Paul Stadium project. Also, \$6,288 was spent for football locker room equipment and \$4,820 for carpet. The wrestling program received \$8,100 for wrestling mats. New girls basketball uniforms were \$2,256. A total of \$3,102 was donated for miscellaneous items such as the senior awards banquet, various travel expenses, etc. A special thanks goes out to all the active Booster Club members and those who support our many fund raising events. Without the Club's support the many quality boys and girls sports programs could not exist. We ask that more of you, especially the parents of the students in the programs, become active in the SJCC Booster Club.

Join us at the club rooms on the second floor of the Sheets Supply Company on the corner of Napoleon and Jackson streets. The meetings are at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month.

Support the aluminum can recycling. Drop your cans in the SJCC bin at Burns Iron and Metal Company, 911 N. Front Street. Open daily 7:30 to 4:00 and 7:30 to 11:30 Saturdays.

Calendar

August

- 23 Freshman Orientation a.m.
Teacher In-Service p.m.
- 28 First Day of Classes; Dismissal at 1:45

September

- 7 Benediction
- 19 06-07 Semester Honors Mass

October

- 1 Open House
- 5 First Hour; Benediction
- 12 Homecoming Mass/Assembly
- 13 Homecoming Game; Alumni & Friends Association Party
- 14 Homecoming Dance
- 15 Faculty Retreat-No Classes
- 26 CEDF Reverse Raffle
- 27 Fall Sports Mass/Senior Night Mass
Chicken Dinner-Sponsored by Senior Class

Nominations for Hall of Fame or the Alumni & Friends Heritage Award

To be inducted into either the Sports Hall of Fame or the Alumni and Friends Heritage Award a **person must be nominated.**

Call the school for a nomination form or send in the name of the person you would like to nominate with the following information:

Hall of Fame:

- Sports involved in and years
- Any awards and/or school records either previously or currently held
- Current involvement in sports/community

Heritage Award:

- Involvement in the community in which they live
- Any awards received
- Volunteering

Please help SJCC honor those who deserve recognition. For more information contact Gary Geller, ggeller@fremontstjoe.org or Sue Berryman, 419-332-5124 sberryma@fremontstjoe.org

2007 Alumni Basketball Games Friday, November 9

The first game will be Alumni from the classes of 1985-1993, the second game classes of 1994-2002. Anyone interested in playing can contact Jeff Radde at 937-780-4869 or jradde20@yahoo.com

2007 Homecoming to Honor Golf

Homecoming this year will be Saturday, Oct. 13. The Alumni & Friends Association will be recognizing all alumni who were members of the SJCC golf teams the last thirty years. Golfers are invited to be on a float in the annual Homecoming parade which precedes the football game. They will be introduced at Don Paul Stadium, before the 7:30 game against Seneca East. An information letter will be sent to all golf team members in the fall.

CEDF Reverse Raffle Friday October 26

2007 marks the 15th year for the Catholic Education Development Fund reverse raffle. Since its inception in 1991, CEDF has made gifts to SJCC in excess of \$422,000. The reverse raffle is the main source of funds that contributes to that total. This year's raffle will be held Friday Oct. 26 at Ole Zim's Wagon Shed. There will only be 250 tickets sold. The grand prize is **\$6,000**. The dinner party begins with a cash bar at 6:00 p.m., followed by Ole Zim's famous family style dinner at 7:00 p.m., the raffle follows dinner. For more information contact Sue Berryman at 419-332-5124 or sberryma@fremontstjoe.org.

Please send in this form with your check

_____ Yes, I would like to attend the dinner and raffle -	\$150.00	\$ _____
_____ No, I cannot attend but I would like a raffle ticket -	\$130.00	\$ _____
_____ I cannot attend but I would like to make a donation to CEDF		\$ _____

**Please make checks payable to CEDF
Mail to: CEDF, PO Box 1302, Fremont OH 43420**

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

From Kathy (Reineck) Boukissen

“When you part from your friend, you grieve not; for that which you love most in him may be clearer in his absence, as the mountain to the climber is clearer from the plain.”

*Kahlil Gibran,
Lebanese poet, artist & mystic*



If you haven't already heard, I have accepted the position of Director of Development at the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center. This was not an easy decision, but was a great opportunity for me. I leave SJCC with a heavy heart, but I am excited to be working at another place that means a lot to me. I have lived across from the Hayes Center almost my entire life.

This last letter to all of you is very hard because I'm not sure if I can ever express into words my gratefulness for everything you have done for SJCC and me.

To all the volunteers, you are the backbone of what makes Catholic schools exist. The countless hours and dedication not only help financially, but you are a great example to our students that life is about giving of your time to help others. You have been great to share laughs with and I have enjoyed working with every one of you!

To all the financial donors, wow... have we achieved great things! Your gifts help in every aspect of our school and its mission. Many

children are able to attend SJCC through the help of Student Financial Need Scholarships that are now in place. We are helping over 40 families that otherwise could not have afforded a Catholic education. The building renovations are wonderful. The heating system makes for a healthy environment and the handicap ramp makes SJCC available for young and old alike. Also, our faculty and staff are now being compensated competitive wages.

To the faculty and staff, I have always been inspired by your dedication to the children. Unless you have had the opportunity to work in a Catholic school, you will never know all the hats that our faculty and staff wear. There are so many areas that everyone pitches in and helps with that are not written in any job descriptions.

To the parents, I know that every one of you in some way has sacrificed to send your children to Catholic schools. Your children might not appreciate it now, but they will as they mature and understand what a gift you have given them. They will carry forever their teachings, both academically and spiritually.

To all the boards that make SJCC what it is, you have been a joy to work with! My first experience with SJCC was heading the Annual Fund Drive and working with its board. At the time the school was raising around \$40,000 per year and SJCC wanted to raise \$60,000. In the past five-to-seven years we are raising over \$155,000 per year! Hats off to everyone who has ever served on this board, your efforts have paid off.

Thanks to the Building Committee and their expertise. They give endless volunteer hours that make the renovations affordable.

I would like to thank the Steering Committee that headed up our first-ever Capital Campaign that was a huge success. Your guidance was so valuable to secure the future of SJCC for generations to come. Thanks to Fr. Loeffler who gave us spiritual guidance as our honorary chairperson and touched all of us in many ways.

As Executive Director of CEDF, many thanks to this board for having the insight to collaborate with SJCC in their development efforts.

A special thank you to Joanne Busold and Sue Berryman in the development office. Joanne was entering data when I came on board 10 years ago and continues to be instrumental in keeping our information updated. Sue was hired to be my assistant through the Capital Campaign. Her help proved to be invaluable and she is now named co-director of development along with the hiring of Angie (O'Neal '93) Ritzman as the other co-director. Sue has taken over doing *The Voice* for this issue and will continue to provide us all with wonderful information to keep us connected. Good luck to Angie and congratulations to Sue for the promotion. They will do a wonderful job!

I can't begin to name everyone individually or all the committees who have made my job so enjoyable at SJCC, but you know who you are!

Goodbye doesn't seem fit, since I won't be far away, but from the bottom of my heart, thanks to all of you for being a blessing in my life. Come visit me at the Hayes Center or email me at kboukissen@rbhayes.org!

Class Reunions

Class of 1949

Annual Reunion. Wednesday, July 11, at Fremont VFW Hall at 12:30. Reservations to Marylou Guyer 419-332-0724 or Birdie Laurer 419-332-3134.

Class of 1951

Wednesday, September 12, at Bob Evans at 1p.m. The class has decided to have yearly luncheons between their five-year reunions. Contact Sybil Harman 419-332-7204.

Class of 1952

Saturday, August 18, at Crystal Arbors. Reservations to Janet (Gabel) Widman 2466 CR 128 419-332-3830.

Class of 1957

Saturday, September 15, 2:00 tour of SJCC and new football stadium, 6:00 hors'd'oeuvres & 7:00 dinner at the Fremont Country Club. **Sunday** Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, brunch following. More information to come. Contact Dave Winters 419-332-5606 or Gary Chudzinski 419-333-9817.

Class of 1962

Saturday, August 4, at the Fremont Moose Club. More information to come. Contact Harold Zienta 419-578-1077 / zienta@sbcglobal.net.

Class of 1967

Friday Aug. 3 Meet at Time Out Sports Bar 7:30pm, Saturday August 4 9:00 golf scramble at Sycamore Hills Contact Dave Post 332-0617, 4:30 Mass at St. Joseph Church, Dinner buffet at the Fremont Yacht Club at 6:00, BYOB, \$25 single, \$45 couple. Contact Linda Schneider for more details 419-334-7754.

Class of 1972

Saturday Aug. 25 at SJCC. Mass 4:30 at St. Joseph Church followed by dinner buffet in the cafeteria. Contact mouseha@yahoo.com

Class of 1977

Saturday Aug. 18 at the Fremont Yacht Club Tim Paradiso tparadiso@bdsagency.com or Bob Hart buckeye_hunter@sbcglobal.net

Class of 1982

Saturday, July 28, at the Fremont Yacht Club. More information to come. Contact Terry and Laura Gonya lgonya@neo.rr.com

Class of 1987

Saturday August 11, for more information contact Valerie (Wagner) Culver 419-680-5496 or Roberta (Gedert) Redfern at 419-680-4824.

Class of 1997

Will be held at Misty Meadows on July 21 at 3:00. Cost is \$25 per person in advance or \$30 at the door includes pig and beer. All extra money from the event will be donated to SJCC from the Class of 1997. Please RSVP to Emily (Stotz) Peterson 2254 E. State St. Fremont. Questions or comments to Casey O'Brien caseyrobbrien@yahoo.com.

Class of 1998

I'm attempting to plan/coordinate our 10-year reunion (especially since our five-year went unnoticed). I'm in need of helpers, ideas, thoughts and any feedback towards this event. Please email me at julie_kupka@yahoo.com. Be sure to add "class re-

union" in the subject area. More information to follow via postal mail. Julie (Kupka) Brown.

2008

Class of 1973

August 9, 2008 at SJCC. Contact Elaine Fisher

Class of 1958

50th Reunion will take place August 9, 2008 at the Fremont Country Club. Contact is Joan (Busold) Godfred 419-332-6671 garyandjoan@ezworks.net

****Please be sure to send in your class reunion information for all to see in *The Voice*!**

****Last year class reunions donated over \$10,000 to our SJCC window fund. Please consider this for YOUR reunion this year! Engraved plaques will be hung to honor your class. Contact Sue Berryman for more information**

Chairpersons: Call or e-mail Sue Berryman if you would like any of the following: class lists, address labels, door prizes, "It Happened In" (senior class year), tour of SJCC, Power-Point presentation on SJCC. **Everything is Free.**

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Viola Mehling

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The "Light of Christ" Faculty and Staff Endowment Fund

The "Light of Christ" Faculty and Staff Endowment Fund addresses salary and benefits for personnel and strives to provide fair and just wages and benefits commensurate with their profession, education, experience and responsibilities. A Living Tree is displayed in the school hallway next to the Margo Reilly Athletic and Performing Arts Center recognizing donors in the gift division categories. The goal of the endowment is to raise \$3 million. This amount would bring SJCC salaries to 100% of the public school system. Through the generous donations from the Annual Fund Drive, individuals, reunion classes, memorials and associations, the endowment has to date received over \$631,000 in pledges and gifts.

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*Weddings*

**Julie Myers to Greg Wagner '99
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50th Mark Kay (Eder '55) and Leo Walter

We're always looking for feature stories or guest columnists. Please contact Sue Berryman at 419-332-5124 if you have any ideas. Most items submitted for *The Voice* must be sent three-four weeks prior to its mailing. Anything coming in after the deadline will be put in the next issue

Achievements/Updates

Jennifer (Hotz '88) Cox joined the Wood County Emergency Management Agency in Sept. of 2006 and completed the Volunteer Firefighter's Program in March of 2007. She is a member of the Risingsun Volunteer Fire Department where her husband Mike is 1st Asst. Chief.
Jamie (Dicker '97) Hatlay earned her Masters of Business Administration from Tiffin University. She is the human resources manager at Bucyrus Community Hospital.

Jamie Heberling '99 has joined the public affairs department of Ohio Treasurer Richard Cordray as the director of marketing and strategic communication. As director her job will include consumer outreach for Cordray's economic development and financial literacy programs. In 2004 Jamie was named the "Rising Star" by Central Ohio Public Relations Society of America.

Denice (Quaintance '88) Hirt was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award from Terra Community College and the Distinguished Alumna Award from the Ohio Association of Community Colleges. She is currently the principal at Stamm Elementary School.

Jill Link '02 graduated from the University of Toledo with a high scholarship associates degree in registered nursing. She plans to work in the Toledo area. Jill is engaged to Clif Millimen and will be married Sept. 22.

Michael Mead '96 practicing general dentistry in Carmel IN. Mike graduated from the University of Dayton in 2000 and Indiana University Dental School in 2004. He and his wife Laura live in Indianapolis with children Benjamin Michael born March 14th and Molly who is two.

Tim Mead '98 graduated from the University of Dayton in 2002 and is currently in the Molecular and Developmental Biology Ph.D. program at the University of Cincinnati/Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Tim and his wife Kimberly reside in Cincinnati.

Dan Neiling '06 has been accepted into the Ohio Caterpillar Internship program in Perrysburg. He will be attending Owens Community College.

Christopher Pickett '94 graduated from Georgetown University Medical School. He will do his internship and residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C.

Margie (Burkett '74) Rothblatt was awarded Teacher of the Year in Hillsborough, New Jersey, Woods Road School. She is the computer resource teacher and is credited with putting together a state of the art computer lab. She is also the Webmaster for the district website. She began teaching after retiring from AT & T in 2001.

Tracy Snyder '00 graduated summa cum laude from Purdue University with a Masters of Liberal Arts in teaching Spanish. While at Purdue she was voted as outstanding Teaching Assistant. She will be marrying Kevin Cahill June 9.

Military News

****Joe Kubat '00** is a Navy corpsman serving in Iraq. He is in a Marine platoon assigned to foot patrol stationed somewhere near Baghdad.

Deaths

** Bernadine (Ketterer '33) Bringman
 ** Edgar Eberly '31
 ** Helen (Bowers '55) Filliater
 ** Leo Fisher '38
 ** James Freeh '42
 ** Charles W. Haaser '42
 ** Marty (Grove '65) Ochs
 ** Don Paul
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 The Fanatic-Terri Colston
 The Depot-Ed & Sherri Wilson
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Public Announcement Asbestos Update

I am pleased to report during our recent renovations, quite a bit of asbestos was abated. All remaining asbestos-containing building materials continue to be regularly monitored and maintained in the prescribed safe manner (i.e., a non-friable condition). The small number of areas remaining are posted in the main office, and a complete disclosure of information can be viewed by contacting Jeff Blohm.

Anton Kabisch: Reflection on my year at SJCC



Let me start out with a few words about myself. My name is Anton Kabisch, coming from Berlin, Germany. When I was sixteen I was given the chance to spend a year in the United States. Therefore, I spent one year at Saint Joseph Central Catholic as a senior living with Doug and Michele Beck. In this article I have the chance to reflect on this year and talk about the experiences I made at SJCC.

When I told my friends in Berlin about spending ten months in America they laughed at me. I was told that I would be living with a farmer sitting on a porch all day and riding a tractor. It turned out that things would be a little different. Soon after my arrival in Fremont I realized how blessed I was to become part of the SJCC community and also the Beck family.

To understand how much I appreciate SJCC I have to describe my German school. This school has a thousand students, divided into grades 7-13. There are no school sports in Germany and barely any extra-curricular activities. You go to school to study and there are no fun aspects about school life. We do not even have a cafeteria, neither do we have uniforms or lockers. Unfortunately, every school is like that so that no changes occur.

This is why I was so impressed starting school at SJCC. I had the chance to join sports, attend pep-rallies, collect service hours and do many more things. The staff and students were very supportive and willing to help wherever they could. I participated in three sports

including soccer, swimming and tennis. The coaches put a great amount of work into their job, acting as role models and idols. In school many extra-curricular activities are performed. Kairos, the senior project, the reach-out program, dances and many more activities made the school year very exciting. SJCC is not just a place for academics, it is a community. Parents, grandparents and graduates are involved in organizing events, raising money and helping in other ways. I also learned that the church plays a major important role. I would have never thought that I would be going to church twice a week. Now it is part of my daily life and I enjoy going to Mass. Thinking about SJCC I do not just think about my last English quiz. I think about banquets, sports, laughing with friends and other fun things.

By attending two schools I was given the ability to compare them and see the differences. I hope every student at SJCC realizes what a great school they attend and how many countless opportunities they have. I can honestly say that every aspect of SJCC has affected me in a very positive way. There has never been a time when I was discouraged or helpless. It feels like the whole staff dedicates their time to make SJCC a great school.

I learned that America is not just a country of farmers and fast food. I can now go back and explain how well I was treated, how nice my host family was and how interesting school life is. I felt like I was part of the American way of life and its culture. I also got to see many interesting places. I would like to thank every person that was part of this experience, especially my American family, the teachers and the students who made this an unforgettable year.

3rd Annual SJCC Alumni & Friends Golf Scramble & Party

Fremont Country Club - Friday, August 3 - 11:00 Shotgun Start

Entry Form: Please fill out completely and send with your check by July 27th to CEDF, c/o 702 Croghan St., Fremont, OH 43420
Checks payable to: CEDF (Catholic Educational Development Fund)

\$200 per team includes:

- 18 Holes
- 2 Golf Carts
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Contact:

John Lauer 332-0178
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**Party after the tournament
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- ← SJCC cafeteria 4:30-8:00
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- ← 50/50 Raffle

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Number of players and spouses/guests attending party: _____ Enclose \$5 per person \$ _____
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Area native named Browns' Offensive Coordinator

By: Eric Staib

SJCC graduate Gary Chudzinski (1957) is very proud of his son, Rob Chudzinski. This NFL offseason, Rob was promoted to Offensive Coordinator for the Cleveland Browns. Rob has been in the NFL for four years, and has been coaching since 1994, when he got his start at the University of Miami.

Rob has been coaching for 13 years, but football has always been a passion and a gift for him according to his dad.

"Rob was a huge Notre Dame fan and idolized the Irish's All-American Tight End Rob Casper. I would pretend to be the



Photo from Clevelandbrowns.com

quarterback and throw passes to him. He'd pretend to be a tight end and run routes to catch the passes," Chudzinski recalled.

Rob would end up living his dream of being a tight end. After the Chudzinski family moved to Perrysburg, Rob was a star for the Toledo St. John's football team. He so excelled in high school that he earned a scholarship to the University of Miami. He played tight end for two national championship teams while with the Miami Hurricanes, a program known for producing stars at tight end. As a player as well as a tight end coach at Miami, Rob

contributed to Miami's reputation as a hotbed for tight ends.

Rob's football journeys have taken him as far east as Miami, Florida, and as far west as San Diego, California. Now, though, he returns to northwest Ohio to help the struggling Browns organization put together a winning team. The Browns were widely considered to be the biggest winners in this year's NFL Draft, drafting offensive tackle Joe Thomas and quarterback Brady Quinn both in the first round.

Fremonters and SJCC grads will not only look forward to the Brown's season but will also be watching the sidelines to catch a glimpse of area native, Rob Chudzinski.

Spring Sports Wrap-Up

Baseball

The SJCC baseball team rode a stretch of solid pitching and timely hitting to its second State Final Four appearance in four years. Unfortunately, the Streaks ran into a great defensive team from Fort Loramie who made all the right plays and beat St. Joe 4-1.

The game was a pitcher's duel until the bottom of the fifth inning. A bad hop over 1B Alex Lozano's glove, a sacrifice and a line drive off pitcher Cody Crockett's shin led to the first run. Crockett was forced to leave the game and after another hit and an error, the Streaks were down four. They rallied for one run in the sixth inning, but couldn't get any closer. Still, the team capped off a great season with a 23-8 record, setting a school record for wins in a season.

The team finished 8-1 in the MAL to finish second behind Mohawk. Once tournaments started, the Streaks mowed down Bettsville and St. Wendelin en route to the district final matchup with Hopewell-Loudon, who they just beat a week earlier in the final league game. They found themselves down 6-2 late in the game, but battled back and eventually won 8-7 in eight innings.

At regionals, SJCC faced Kalida, a familiar foe from their last trip to the State

Tournament in 2004. Crockett took the mound against Kalida's All-State pitcher Ross Guisinger. Crockett out-pitched Kalida's ace and added a solo home run as the Streaks took a 10-0 lead into the bottom of the 7th inning behind a 13-hit offensive attack. But Kalida mounted a comeback to pull within 10-7 before Devin Mills entered the game to get the final out.

The Streaks then faced Ottawa Hills the next day and pulled out a 5-4 victory behind six strong innings from Mills. Eric Gray came in and pitched a perfect seventh inning for the save. Some timely hitting and three highlight reel defensive plays by Alex Lozano, Anthony Rusher and Luke Lewis were the keys to the Streak victory.

Crockett, Rusher, Matt Kwiatkowski, Grant Barbour and Darek Hilty all hit over .400 for the season. Rusher (43) and Barbour (42) led the team in hits, while Hilty led with 30 RBIs. Mills went 9-0 on the mound while posting a 3.23 ERA.

Rusher, Barbour and Crockett were all named 1st Team All-MAL, Kwiatkowski was named 2nd Team, and Darek Hilty and Devin Mills earned Honorable Mention honors. Barbour was 1st Team All-District, Rusher was named 2nd Team and Mills received Honorable Mention.

Softball

The Lady Streak softball team struggled to a 7-22 record in Bill Bork's final season as head coach. The team finished seventh in the MAL with a 3-7 league mark.

With the loss of four-year starting CF Jamie Bork to graduation and season ending injuries to both SS Heather Blake (thumb) and 2B Megan Boukissen (knee) the team had some big holes to fill on defense up the middle.



So p h o m o r e Lindsay Crockett was being counted on to be the team's main pitcher, but switched to shortstop and played well. Junior Libby Engeman took over on the

mound and made big strides as the season progressed. She finished the season with a 6-14 record with a 3.63 ERA. She was third in the MAL with 72 strikeouts.

Senior Alison Chudzinski was named 1st Team All MAL. The third baseman led the team with a .363 average, 29 hits and 11 doubles. Chudzinski, sophomore Abby Crockett and junior Jill Walters led the team with 14 RBIs each.

Engeman was named 2nd Team All-MAL and Lindsay Crockett earned 3rd Team honors.

At the end of the season, Coach Bork announced he would be resigning. He cited family and work as reasons for retiring. In nine seasons, his career record was 101-133 and included a District Championship in 2006.



Summer Camp Opportunities

Officially, the fall sports season commences the first week of August. However, many SJCC athletes teams from the fall, winter and spring teams will begin working to get ready for their upcoming seasons over the summer.

Gone are the days when high school athletes simply showed up for the first day of practice and said, "Here I am, coach. Let's go." The trick for most coaches is to schedule enough activities that will give athletes the opportunity to improve without scheduling so much that the kids get 'burned out'. After all, it is summer vacation. "Coaches are given 10 contact-days during the summer and I always tell our girls 'I only want to see you on those 10 days. The rest of the time you should be doing what kids do in the summer. But on those 10 days, I expect you to work hard and bond as a team'," said head girl's basketball coach Gary Geller.

Here are some of the events various St. Joe athletic teams will be participating in over the summer months.

The SJCC **football team** will compete in a "7 on 7" Scrimmage this summer with about eight teams. The event will be co-hosted by the SJCC and Fremont Ross teams. Coach Todd Drusback's team will also take part in at least two other 7-on-7 competitions and will be attending a three-day team camp at Bowling Green State University in June.

The **boys basketball team** plays in the Port Clinton Summer League on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in June. They will also participate in a team shootout at New Riegel.

Geller's **girls basketball team** plays in a Monday night league in Norwalk and will be attending one-day team shootouts at Liberty-Benton and BGSU. They also compete in three-day team shootouts in St. Clairsville, Ohio, and at Kent State University.

About 10-12 members of the **golf team** participate in the Lake Erie Junior Golf Association (LEJGA) in which they compete in tournaments at various courses and country clubs around north central Ohio against many of the best high school players in the area.

Cross-country coach Jamie Gilbert has open "fun runs" on Wednesday and Thursday nights in June and July. These runs are open to any athlete who wants to stay in shape, not just cross-country runners.

Tennis coach Scott Knisely will be holding summer workouts on Thursdays from 8 p.m.- 10 p.m. this summer 'under the lights' at Roger Young Park. The workouts are open to both boy and girl tennis players.

The SJCC **wrestlers** will hold a team camp, SJCC alum and current head wrestling coach at Cumberland University, Jarad Swint, will be on hand to help with the camp.

As per the Ohio High School Athletic Association, none of these activities are allowed to be mandatory. But they are excellent opportunities for team members to build team unity, work together in the off-season and enjoy time spent with friends over the summer.

Attention All 4th-12th Grade

Boys and Girls

The National High School Coaches Association will be conducting a character and leadership camp on **July 9-13 from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm** in the high school cafeteria. Cost of the camp is \$200. For more information call Coach Todd Drusback at 419-332-9947 or email at tdrusback@streaks.net

Spring Sports Wrap-Up Continued

Track

Senior Emily Overmyer capped off a stellar high school career with a 6th place finish at the State Finals in the discus. She said that one of her pre-season goals was to get on the podium in Columbus, and she accomplished it. She will continue to throw at the University of Dayton next year.



The girls track team won the Lakota Invite this season. Individual champs were the 4x400 relay team of Leslie Celek, Dana Culbert, Jenny Kusmer and Molly Wise, Wise in the 200M and 400M dashes and Kali Dudley in the 100M dash. Kusmer finished 2nd in the 100M. On the boy's side, Mike Komorowski won the shot put, Ryan Wiegel was 2nd in the discus and the 4x200, 4x400 and 4x100 relays all took second.

At the MAL meet, the boys finished 8th. Cory Wilhelm finished 3rd in the 400M dash. The 4x100 relay (Wilhelm, Derek Meyer, Brook Kerr and Kyle Horvath) and the 4x400 relay (Wilhelm, Meyer, Horvath and Max Celek) both placed 4th.

The girls team finished 4th in one of the tightest finishes ever as the top four teams were within seven points of one another. Overmyer won the discus with a meet record of 134' 01" and Kathy Gutschalk placed second in the pole vault. The 4x400 relay finished second. Wise was 3rd in the 100M, 200M and 400M dashes and Dudley placed 4th in the 200M and 400M. The 4x100 relay of Culbert, Dudley, Brittany Alonzo and Sophia Cullen also finished 4th.

At the district meet, Komorowski was the only boy to advance, finishing 4th in the shot put. For the girls, Wise (400M) and the 4x400 relay placed 2nd, and Dudley (200M) and Overmyer (discus) placed 3rd. Earning 4th place were Dudley in the 100M Hurdles, Wise in the 200M, Katie Light in high jump and Gutschalk in pole vault.

At regionals, the top four placers advance to the state finals. The 4x400 relay ran a great time in their qualifying heat, but struggled in the finals and finished 8th. Light and Gutschalk both finished 7th in their respective events, and Wise finished 6th in the 400M. Overmyer's throw of over 123 feet punched her first ticket to Columbus with a 4th place finish.



Boys Tennis

The SJCC boys tennis team finished the 2007 season with a 4-9 record. But with five of those losses being close 2-3 scores, this team could turn things around next year with some hard work.

The singles players were the strength of the team, as the top three players – junior Eric Barbour and sophomores Chris Wobser and Matthew Barbour – all returned from last year's squad. Eric Barbour led the team with 11 wins, Matt Barbour and Wobser each had 8 wins.

The singles players all fell in their second round matches at sectionals, but despite that disappointment, Eric Barbour said one of the highlights of the season was beating Calvert 3-2 for SJCC's first win over the Senecas in four years.

Coach Scott Knisely tried using various doubles combinations, but many were inexperienced first-year players who simply needed to get comfortable in their roles. Despite their struggles, Knisely was pleased with their improvements and thinks many of the young players will be motivated to work on their games this summer and continue their progress.



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