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President Larry M. Lysell is back in the classroom!



President, Larry M. Lysell, has been in education for the past thirty-six years. He began his teaching career in 1973 when he joined the St. John's faculty, teaching Psychology, Sociology, American History and World History. As many teachers do, he also coached Football, Wrestling and Golf. In 1974, he joined the recruiting staff, still teaching and traveling in the summer.

He was appointed Director of Admissions in 1977 and promoted to Administrative Assistant to the President in 1984, in charge of the QM and Infirmary.

In 1987 Lysell decided to leave St. John's to become Principal at Wilson Jr./Sr. High School. He next became the first Superintendent in Kansas to serve two school districts simultaneously in 1992 at Wheatland USD 292 and Quinter USD

293. His last Superintendent position coming just prior to his appointment as St. John's President was in Wallace County USD 241 in Sharon Springs, Kansas.

His return to the classroom at St. John's helped expand the SJMS curriculum through his willingness to teach Psychology. Lysell states "Psychology is a vastly different subject because of the brain research that has occurred and the changing attitude towards how students learn. Teachers in general have a much more demanding task as a result of 'No Child Left Behind' legislation and its requirements for educators as well as students." Lysell stays busy with his teaching load, representing St. John's as a member of several area civic organizations and looking after the needs of the school.



Greetings from ^{THE} Parents' Association (SJMSPA)!

It is our sincere hope that your cadets have settled into life at SJMS and are doing well. The school has reported a very successful beginning to the 2009/10 school year. Major Stelljes stated "in my fourteen years at the school this is the strongest corps I have seen," which is great news for all!

Our first class in the Life 101 series, Alive at 25, was an enormous success! We have heard that the boys found it extremely informative and some signed commitment pledges to never drink and drive or get into a car with someone drinking. With Alive at 25 having been so successful, we are aggressively moving forward on our second class, which we are calling "Consequences." We are working with a local Salina Police officer to address the following topics:

- DUI's,
- Minor in possession
- Drugs
- 'Chameleon affect'
- Sexting

In the second part of the class, we will be bringing in an attorney to address these same topics from a judicial perspective, which will include:

- Applicable jail time
- Loosing drivers license
- Court appearances
- The affects on future job/career
- Attorney fees

Our initial work on the third class has already begun. We are targeting the content to encompass establishing and attaining goals in life. Our plan is to give a realistic picture of life after graduating from SJMS. The topics we plan to cover are:

- Applying for college
- Writing a resume
- Finding a job
- Finances

As we progress with developing this class we are certain more topics will be added. Please see the SJMS Parents Association Newsletters for class updates.

We welcome two new Parents Association Board Members: Natalie Lewis and Mary Smith. Both members bring much needed help to the table



for all our SJMSPA activities and events for our members and cadets.

We recently hosted two more pizza parties for our boys. The first was for the academic achievers from the 4th quarter of last year, and the second party was for our current member's cadets. It was a well-deserved break for the boys and fun was had by all!

Our boys continue to enjoy seeing their names and the loved ones who support them in the commemorative brick area outside Jack Vanier Barracks. This year's display area is filling up fast! Please be sure to get your brick order(s) in ASAP. As one member pointed out last year, the Extended Family brick option can be a great Christmas gift to give grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, etc... in honor and support of their loved cadet. Also, please remember the 1.5"x3" mini brick option to display in your home or office, as a personal, permanent remembrance of your cadet and his achievements at SJMS. Please see the Parents tab at www.sjms.org for Parents Association membership and brick order forms. On this web site, you can also find the current listing for local merchants offering discounts to Parents Association members when their SJMSPA discount card is presented.

We hope everyone enjoyed spending time with your sons during Fall Parents Weekend. The Parents Association board members are preparing for Spring Parents Weekend. We will be hosting a lovely catered luncheon for all our members and their cadets. In addition, we will be having



Dean of Students, Ginger Wooten hands Justin Small his share of the pizza while Haozong Huang, Jared Hoffmann, Justin Ferraro and Enoch Lau wait to receive their pizza provided by the Parents' Association.

an accomplished, successful young lady as our speaker, that we are certain the member cadets will find very interesting! Casey Bayne is currently a First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, responsible for strategic GPS coordination. After a slightly shaky childhood, Casey was accepted to the Air Force Academy and graduated in 2007. She looks forward to sharing her story of challenges and successes with our boys. This event promises to be a good time, great food, and informative to all.

Please be sure to take advantage of the savings you receive with a SJMSPA membership. Discounts are available in Salina in restaurants and hotels. Your membership also offers significant savings for the classes we offer. You will more than pay for your membership throughout the year with the discounts you will receive. In addition, you will be treated to a wonderful luncheon during Spring Parents Weekend and your cadet will be able to enjoy quarterly pizza parties.

We hope you all have a wonderful and happy Holiday Season with your families. We look forward to seeing all of you at the Spring Parents Weekend. SJMSPA members please remember to bring your name tags.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor



Jesse Chisholm officially became an Eagle Scout on Nov. 6, 2009 during his Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony held in the Stevens Center Reception Hall of St. John's Military School.

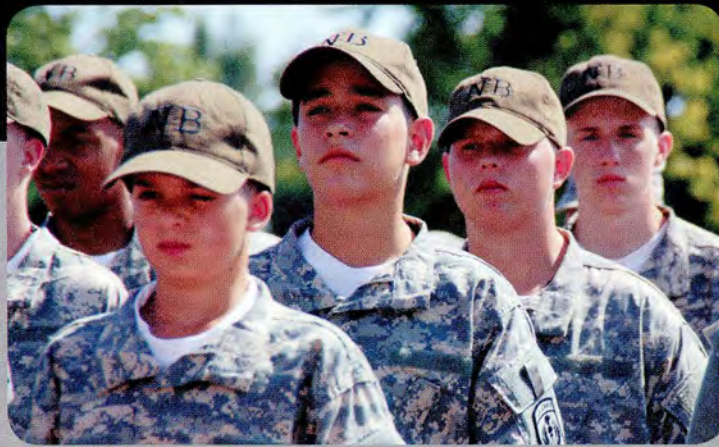
Scout Master Gary Shoemaker along with James Chisholm, father of Jesse, presented Jesse

with his Eagle Scout uniform items. D. Dale Browning, also an Eagle Scout, was Master of Ceremonies. President Larry M. Lysell, his wife Kathy Lysell, Lance and Debbie Werber, SGM Jerry Nichols, SFC Danny Phillips and Wendy Stein attended the ceremony.

Cadets Eric Aguilar-Soler, Mitchel Lamb, James Curry, Stephen Ritter, Ian Brands and Enoch Lau helped Jesse celebrate.

A dinner was held at Martinelli's Restaurant following the ceremony.

Congratulations, Jesse!



The 122nd Corps of Cadets was formed on Aug. 31, 2009. The corps lined up alongside Clem-Ferris Hall waiting for their names to be called. As each name was called the cadet sounded off "Yes, Sir" and runs to take his place in the formation.

The Battalion is formed as soon as each company is issued the company guide-on flag and the cannon is fired. The cadets then march to Armstrong Chapel for the blessing of the corps. *From Left:* The 122nd in battalion formation. "New Boys" Chandler Clark, Jordan Carter, Diego Gamboa, Jonathan Demastus and Nicholas Desterbecq stand at attention. Sergio Cois readies the cannon for firing. Corey Lewis runs to find his place in the company.



Forming the Corps



D. Dale Browning pins rank on Battalion Commander of the 122nd, Kyle Stuart.

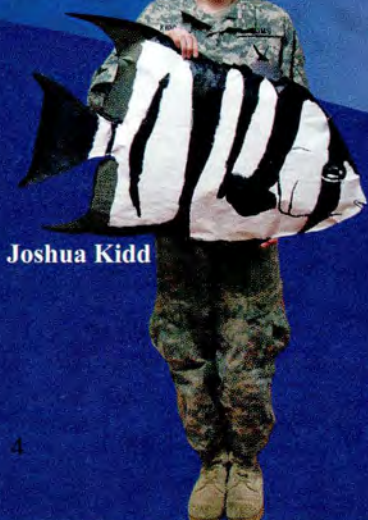


Devon Conway, CSM, receives his rank from MAJ George Stelljes and BC Stuart.



The Battalion Staff, Jacob Woolf, Kyle Stuart, Devon Conway, Phillip Abernathy and Jared Hoffman.

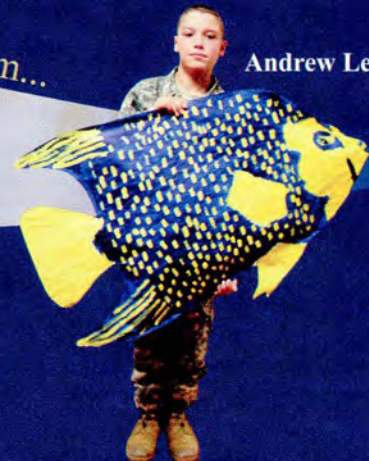
One fish... two fish....art students create a life-size aquarium...



Joshua Kidd



Bryan Ingram-Dubois



Andrew Lewis



Victor Fontana, Nicholas Diamond, Tyler Wunderlich, Brandon Santana, Anthony Olderbak, James Pena, Justin Ferraro and Greg Saville do the 'trolley' walk.



Daniel Leech distributes paint balls to Aaron Turner and Nicholas Desterbecq.



Elliot Wood falls into the arms of Cody Tupper, Taylor Mullen and James Curry as SFC Rob Cruce observes.

Leadership Camp

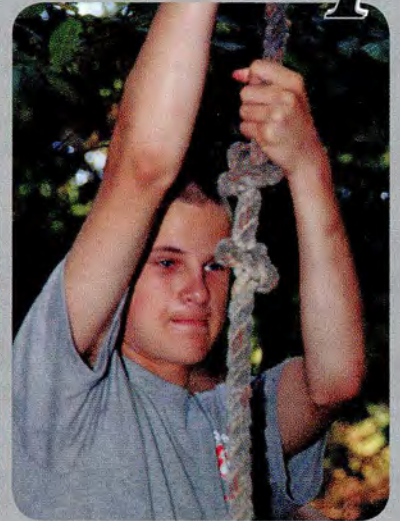
Leadership Camp provides the cadets slated to be the leaders of the corps a chance to build *esprit de corps* and acquire additional training beyond what they bring from past experience. Team building, time on the obstacle course and visits to Ft. Riley and Rock Springs Ranch are some of the highlights of Leadership Camp. Cadets having a successful Leadership Camp experience are promoted at the conclusion of the camp.



Cadets lock arms in preparation for a demonstration of strength.



Pam Kraus, Ginger Wooten, Marcia Demuth, Brenda McCoy, ISG Tony Blair, Jacob Woolf and Jared Hoffmann obey Brandon Santana's orders.



Connor Dempsey prepares to execute the rope swing on the obstacle course.

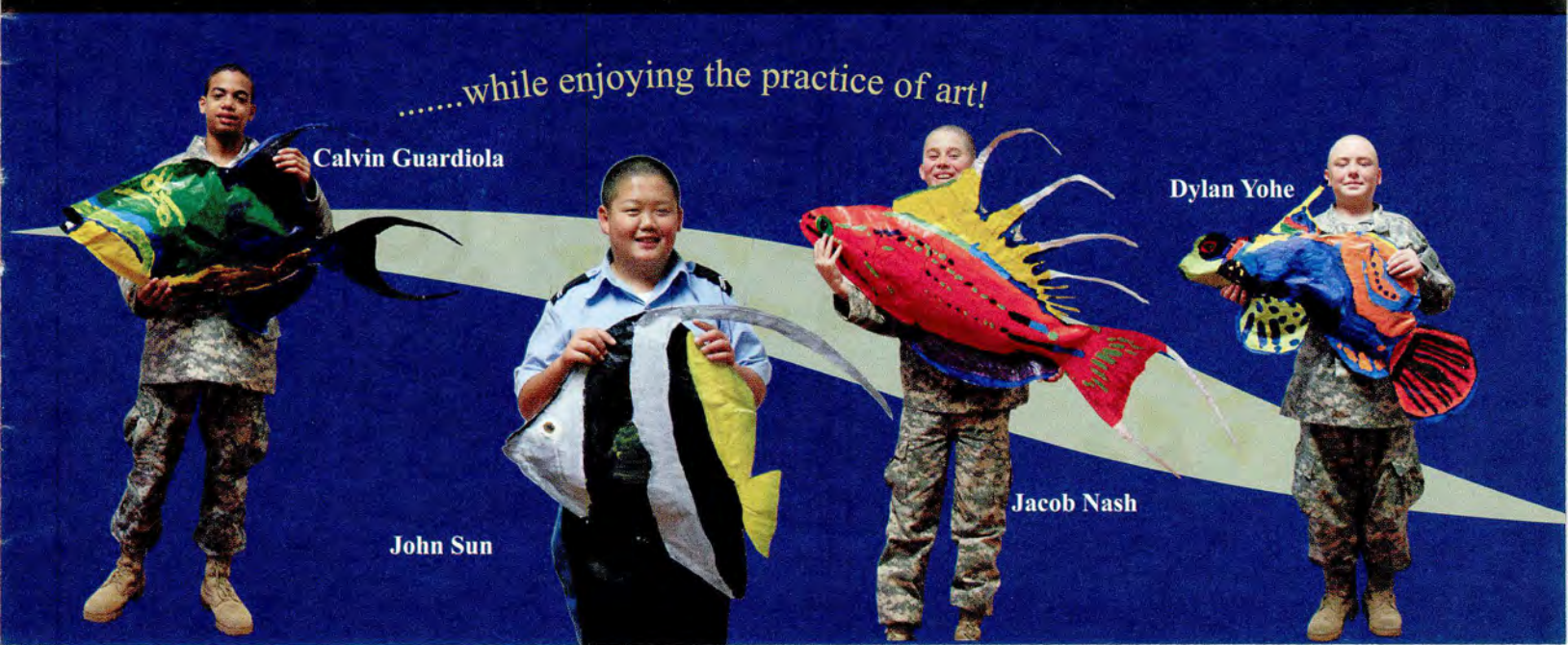
.....while enjoying the practice of art!

Calvin Guardiola

John Sun

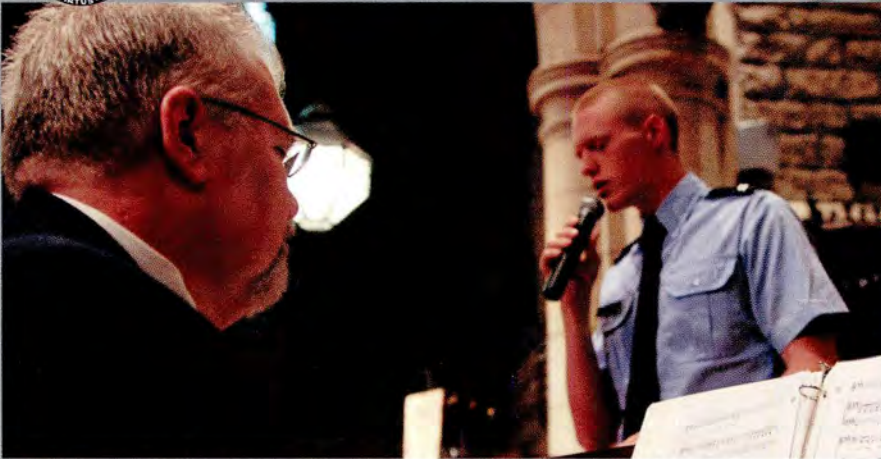
Jacob Nash

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Parents' Weekend



Chapel Service at the Cathedral

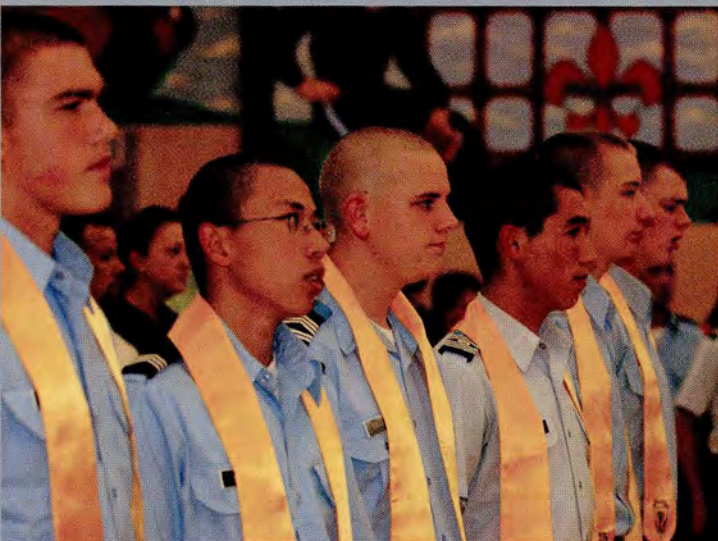
Browning Drum & Bugle Corps



Jordan Carter, Tyler Schneider, Ricky Gesino, John Sun, Jacob Nash and Justin Ferraro play the drums.

Joshua Batchelor, Sergio Cois, Duncan Aron, Patrick Harden and Greg Saville play a medley of marches.

Bandmaster James Pena stands ready to signal the start of the Drum & Bugle Corps concert.



National Honor Society Inductions

Top of page left: Merrell Nelson accompanies Stephen Ritter performing special music during communion. *Top of page right:* Harrison Farr and Graeme Slack visit with The Rev. Brian Viel before the service begins.

Left: NHS Inductees, Greg Saville, Haozong Huang, Jonathan Gray, Devon Conway, Ian Brands and Joshua Batchelor prepare to say the NHS Oath.

Right: D. Dale Browning congratulates Cadet Huang while President Larry M. Lysell waits to offer his best wishes.

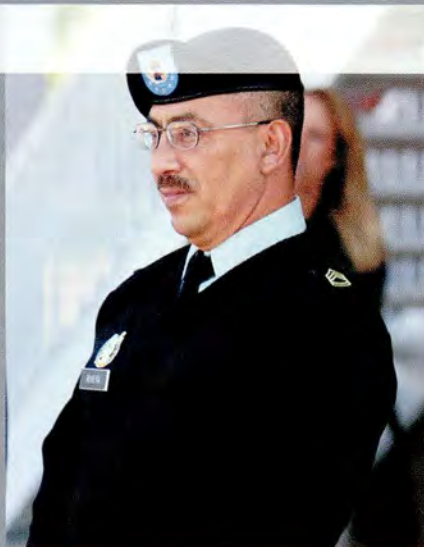
Black Knights Drill Team



Charles McCullough, Gary Stone, Steven Juszczyk, Anthony Olderbak, Chandler Clark, Daniel Weisman, Mark Glaser, Cole Goodell and Ian Vaughn perform on the drill team.



Edgar Mc Bee, Drill Team Commander, performs a solo drill.



SGT. Geronimo Rivera, Drill Team Adviser, observes the Black Knights from the sidelines.



Left: Bryan Ingram-Dubois stands at attention while his Mother puts his rank on his shoulder.

Bottom left: Chandler Clark receives congratulations from BC Kyle Stuart as his Mom looks on.

Bottom right: Austin Griego salutes as he becomes an "Old Boy" with his parents witnessing this solemn event.



Svensk Hyllningsfest Parade



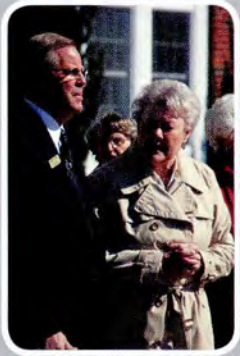
Above: The 122nd Corps of Cadets marches in the Hilingsfest Parade in Lindsborg, Kansas. President, Larry M. Lysell arranged for the cadets to participate in this local celebration. Many parents watched the parade then spent the rest of the day in Lindsborg enjoying the festival. *Far Left:* Patrick Harden, Jordan Carter and Ricky Gesino play the cadence on the civil war drums as the corps of cadets enters Banes Gymnasium.

Right: The color guard, composed of Jesse Chisholm, Nuoya Wu, Mitchell Lamb and Daniel Tomaske, prepares to post the colors at the beginning of the "New Boy" graduation, National Honor Society Induction and promotion ceremony during Parents' Weekend.



"New Boy" Graduation Ceremony

Notes from Liz!



THE CANNON

I think it was because of Army surplus that the School ended up with a 75mm howitzer, the one we still have. It has a large bore. Blanks were obtained and the cannon was fired each day at evening colors. It was loud and could be heard as far away as the Salina Country Club.

The neighbors began to complain saying the dishes rattled in the cabinets, the loud boom was cracking the foundations of their homes and breaking windows. Many were just generally complaining about the noise. The neighbors signed a petition that we quit firing the cannon in the evening and presented it to the Salina City Commission.

Other neighbors liked the cannon because when it was fired their children knew it was time to come home!

One woman presented a petition signed by 371 residents asking the Commission to restore the nightly boom. She said we did this to let Colonel Duckers know not everyone is down on him. "St.

John's has been good to us. Our children are invited to play on the school grounds. Besides, we think it is important to encourage the Cadets to display patriotism."

The cannon obviously created two camps in the neighborhood. The battle between those for the cannon and those against the firing of the "sunset gun" was carried out via a local radio opinion show and numerous letters to the



Steven Juszczyk and Sergio Cois prepare to fire the cannon during evening retreat!



Jesse Chisholm, Luke Saunders, Anthony Olderbak, Steven Juszczyk, Mitchell Lamb, Collin Cooper and Devon Stevens move the cannon to the football field!

editor of the local newspaper.

Colonel Duckers went to the commission meeting to tell them that until we could reduce the charge we would not fire the canon. So we did and the cannon is still used for retreat and for ceremonial occasions.

Cadet Highjinks!

Keith Duckers took a group of Cadets to Washington D.C. and Colonial Williamsburg during the 1950s. On the grounds of restored Williamsburg were large piles of cannon balls surrounded by guards and security. After returning, a Cadet came to Keith's office with one of the balls that he somehow or other picked up and brought back to Kansas. Heavy, I am sure.

The other pickup story is that Gerald Woody, Lower School director, took a group of the little boys affectionately called "goobers" to the Kansas Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, Kansas. After getting back to campus one of the Cadets told Woody that

another Cadet had picked up a ham and cheese sandwich that was part of the exhibit of items that had been on the moon and he had eaten it!

The administrator of the Kansas Cosmosphere was written a letter and a confession of the crime was made. The reply was not kind, saying that the exhibit was on loan from the Air and Space Museum in Washington D.C. I think it was considered a Federal Crime. I don't remember how they resolved the problem but the little cadet said, "The sandwich was not very good."

The school enrolled fifth and sixth graders in the Lower school. Six to ten were enrolled

each year. Woody took them camping, visiting haunted houses, catching and skinning gophers and curing the skins, going fishing, and having an activity room that was filled with snakes, lizards, mice, and other interesting animals. I think Mrs. Lillian Faerber, long time SJMS assistant to Gerald Woody and Quartermaster, should be interviewed about the activities of this group to be recorded for posterity.

I was a substitute for over three months in old Parkview Hall (former SJMS Lower school building) in 1976 when Harold Fraizer had a heart attack and had to have bypass surgery. What an experience!

The Moon

The 40th anniversary of man's landing on the moon this summer brought back memories of Jim Irwin, who visited the SJMS campus at least twice. Only twelve men have walked on the surface of the moon and Jim Irwin was one of those men.

The flag pole is dedicated in his honor. The plaque reads "10 October 1975, Pointing to the moon and to the heavens above this flagpole is dedicated to the Glory of God and as a tribute to Col. James B. Irwin who walked on that moon during the Apollo 15 flight 26 July -7 August 1971.

He was the speaker at the St. John's Military School Bicentennial Luncheon following Commencement in 1976 celebrating the nation's 200th birthday.

Irwin served as lunar module pilot for Apollo 15, July 26-August 7, 1971. His

companions were David Scott, spacecraft commander and Albred M. Worden, command module pilot. Apollo 15 was the fourth manned lunar landing mission and the first to visit and explore the moon's Hadley Rille and Apennine Mountains.

The lunar module, Falcon, remained on the lunar surface for 66 hours and 54 minutes, a new record. Scott and Irwin logged 18 hours and 35 minutes each in extra vehicular activities during three separate excursions onto the lunar surface.

Col. Keith Duckers went to Colorado Springs when Irwin was inducted into the Masonic organization. After the meeting, Duckers and Irwin walked outside and the moon was shining Irwin said, "It is hard to believe that I walked on it." Only a few men ever did. After returning, Irwin founded

High Flight Foundation, a non-profit religious organization. He died at a young age from a heart problem which apparently developed while on the moon mission.

Our two sons, Edward and Kyle, attended Irwin's burial service with full military honors in Arlington National cemetery.

Cadets, when you look at the flag on that high pole, remember what man can accomplish.



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H O N O R



SABER Ceremony



1st Infantry Division

Former SJMS Military Advisor, Clyde Salle arranged for the officers of the 122nd Corps of Cadets to support the SABER ceremony October 21 - 22, 2009 at Ft. Riley, Kansas, home of the Big Red One. The officers drew their sabres as the dignitaries walked through. MG Vincent Brooks, Division Commander of the 1st Infantry Division awarded unit streamers to the companies being honored.

SFC Ricky Jordan sponsor of the trip reported that “once again

the young men of St. John’s represented their school with honor and dignity.” The following officers participated in the event: Phillip Abernathy, Duncan Aron, Thomas Ashe, Omar Balderas, Joshua Batchelor, Ian Brands, Devon Conway, Jared Hoffmann, Enoch Lau, Edgar McBee, Ryan Quintana, Brandon Santana, Jonathan Smith, Gary Stone, Austin Strecker, Kyle Stuart, Jacob Woolf, Elliot Wood and Tyler Wunderlich.

Popcorn Break



With the approval of Ginger Wooten, Dean of Students, Terry Plumberg and Brenda McCoy surprised the cadets with an after school snack.

Using money generated from the football and soccer snack bar fund the front porch of the Vanier Academic Center was transformed into a popcorn factory. Pop was put on ice by McCoy and Plumberg and with assistance from Marcia Demuth enough popcorn was popped to fill more than 125 bags.

Cadets in pictures on the left: Mitchell Lamb, Eric Aguilar-Soler, Ryan Lynch, Connor Dempsey, Jonathan Gray, Jacob Nash and Drake Donenfeld along with the rest of the corps enjoyed the freshly popped corn and the refreshingly chilled soda pop.

Blue Beret



Enoch Lau

Nuoya Wu

Edgar McBee

Dean's Honor Roll



Victor Liwag

Stephen Ritter

Joshua Batchelor



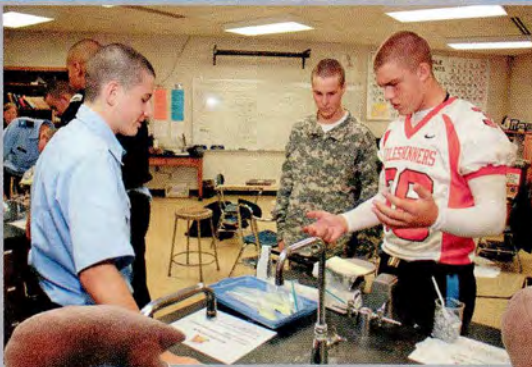
Haozong Huang

Jonathan Demastus

Nicholas Diamond

The Blue Beret Award goes to the cadets earning the highest GPA for each nine weeks period. The Blue Beret cadets are also members of the Dean's Honor Roll. The cadets are listed in order of their grade point average.

International Mole Day



International Mole Day at St. John's Military School finds cadets Trevor Hansen, Anton Ryan and Greg Saville questioning their results in the lab.



Above: Jonathan Smith, Graeme Slack and Aaron Turner work together on their own lab experiment. Left: Nicholas Payan, contest winner, lets the "toy" mole Mrs. Kraus uses in class sit on his shoulder for the picture.

Honor Roll



Devon Conway Dalton Guilfoil Klaus Mullens Patrick Harden Eric Soler Dakota Strawn Tyler Wunderlich



Charles McCullough Luis Del Toro Yechi Ma John Sun Samuel Lewis Nicolas Payan Elliot Wood



Daniel Weisman Matthew Kassing Gregory Saville Kyle Stuart Chandler Clark Duncan Aron East Fang

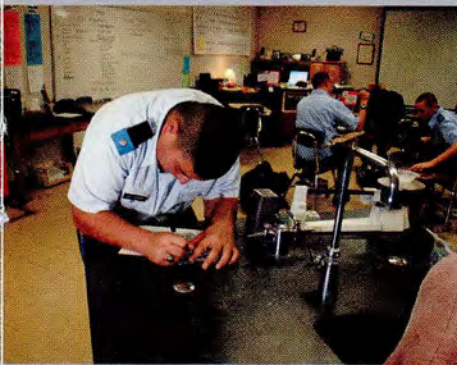


Bryan Ingram-Dubois Gary Stone Anthony Olderbak Kevin Aberg John Cagle Kang Woo Lee Jeffrey Sapp



Rafael Vitar Jonathan Gray Jesse Campbell Jacob Nash Ian Neibla

Over a third of the 122nd Corps of Cadets are members of the Honor Roll! Fantastic!



Above: Omar Balderas does calculations on the formula hoping to win the gift certificate.

Right: Mrs. Kraus prepares a lab with dry ice during another class project.



Pam Kraus, Chemistry teacher, strives to make even the most difficult scientific concepts easier to learn by adding a touch of fun to her class presentations.

In a recent e-mail to the staff Kraus explained, "It's that time of year again! Chemistry students around the world will celebrate "International Mole Day" on Friday, October 23, from 6:02 a.m.-6:02 p.m. In honor of this special day, the chemistry classes are holding a "What is a mole?" contest. Cadets may enter their answer for a chance to win a \$5 McDonalds gift certificate. All staff members are invited to participate, also, by answering the question "What is a mole?" You can e-mail your answers to me and all those providing the correct answer will get a "Smarties" for being so smart! Remember...this is a chemistry mole, not a spot on the skin, a burrowing animal or a spy!" Nick Payan won the "What is a mole?" contest by correctly answering that a mole is the amount of substance containing 6.02×10^{23} particles.

Treasures Un-told!

Most items that are donated to the Alumni Room, simply take your breath away. Each item is carefully and proudly displayed – and each has a story to be told. “Old Boys” that visit the room are proud to see the artifacts, and many have tears in their eyes when they hold the handle from Vail Hall for the first time in many years.

A new addition to the Alumni Room is a priceless piece of furniture - the desk of Elisha Smith Thomas, founder of St. John's Military School in 1887. This desk officially retired from the President's Office this year, and will now be proudly on display. The desk has been used by every Superintendent/President that has served at SJMS.

Terry Plumberg, Alumni Coordinator, marvels at the construction of the desk, and states, “the desk was saved from the two fires, and I am so happy that it was. It is an honor to have such a piece of history, with the intricate cut outs and stately shape. When sitting at the desk, imagine all the great men that have guided SJMS with their hearts and knowledge. “If this desk could talk, just think of the stories it could tell.”

Recently, Thomas and Mirey Shortt donated his father's diploma and baptismal records dating back to 1895. Mr. Shortt stated his uncle, father and grandfather all attended SJMS, and know they benefited from the education received. The many documents were meticulous for their age; neatly stored and pressed. The inked signatures of Col. Waldorf Ganssle (Superintendent 1915) along with the knowledge that the school itself was only a few years old truly gives you a step back in time.

The grandeur of Vail Hall, standing tall on the Kansas prairie was home to many young men. Excerpts from “A History of St. John's Military School, by Virgil “Lefty” Loy states: “On September 12, 1888, the first student cadets began to report for classes. There were only two boarding students, with several local boys attending classes.” There were closing ceremonies in May, 1889, but no graduating class. However, the next year, 1890, the

graduating class consisted of two members. Henry B. Ober, SJMS first valedictorian, had this to say at the first graduation exercise: “The day has arrived when the class of 1890 goes forth from St. John's. Our duties and our occupation have been animated by kind teachers and friendly rivalry. Meantime, we have made friends, many of whom will never be forgotten. And now as we leave, bidding a tender farewell, we only regret that our stay has been so brief. Fellow cadets, as I see you all before me this morning, I would venture to say that there is not one of you who is not proud to wear the uniform of the school and in after life, when you recall to memory the days that have long since passed that your school days here in St. John's will be among your most cherished memories.. I have simply to hope that our future lives, be they long or short, may be an honor to our parents, to our friends, to our state, and especially to our Alma Mater, from whose halls we go forth today, the class of 1890, the first graduates of St. John's!”

So with a foundation formed with the first graduating class from St. John's Military School, no truer words were ever spoken... “we have made friends, many of whom will never be forgotten.”

Terry Plumberg



A MESSAGE to “Old Boys” →

It's time for all SJMS Old Boys and Alumni to give something back; in appreciation for all we've received. What we give back and how we give it back is of less importance than when, and the time is now. The “Old Boy” Association goal is to reach out, recruit and support “Old Boys” and SJMS. We are embarking on a long overdue quest to provide a scholarship award to deserving Cadets meeting specific criteria. Many of our friends have been supporting SJMS in various ways for a long time and we need to insure this type of support continues. SJMS is such an important part of our lives and we've learned so much here that is not offered in other schools. We have a camaraderie that is unsurpassed in comparison to so many similar institutions. Put simply, what we WANT to do is raise the

awareness of all “Old Boys” by increasing our support of those Cadets who show promise of returning to serve SJMS in any fashion, whether to lead, instruct or otherwise support our school. This will help perpetuate SJMS Forever.

Contact Terry Plumberg to make a donation to the “St. John's Military School Old Boy Association Scholarship Fund” or to lend your support in any way. Please specify your intentions whenever making monetary donations. Scholarship(s) will be awarded at Commencement, and we would like to be able to award deserving young men opportunities to continue their education at St John's. So, please join us as we strive to make a difference. We value any donation; help us to unite with a gift, which will keep on giving.

“Old Boys” yesterday and “Old Boys” today will be “Old Boys” Forever. Help us send a message to our younger brothers. COMMENCEMENT isn't the end, it's a beginning. SJMS GAVE us a foundation that lasts a lifetime, and as “Old Boys” we need to return the favor: return to SJMS. “Old Boys” are coming back, more in recent years than ever before. Be involved and stay involved. Make SJMS Forever.

Your assistance in funding, helping with arrangements, participating in the events or just being there to supply the largest turnout of “Old Boys” returning for Commencement ever, can help us meet our OBA Goals. The OBA needs leaders, suggestions, participants and contributors and we want the OBA to be a voice for SJMS. We need more “Old Boys” involved to keep this rolling.

Terry Plumberg

Sculptor *RICHARD BERGEN*

Gracing the teardrop (entry way) of SJMS are three stately busts of men that helped form and develop the lives of many young men; Col Remy L. Clem, Rector and Superintendent, 1936 – 1968; President Keith G. Duckers, 1950 - 1993; Lt. Colonel Paul Kellogg, Commandant of Cadets, 1965 – 1987, and overlooking them is our famous Mule-Skinner. These sculptures, except Col. Kellogg (sculptor Tom Dickenson, 1967) were all done by local artist Dr. Richard Bergen, Salina.

Bergen is a world class sculptor who is known for his many art pieces across the state of Kansas, particularly the Ad Astra which stands proudly on top of the Kansas capitol in Topeka.

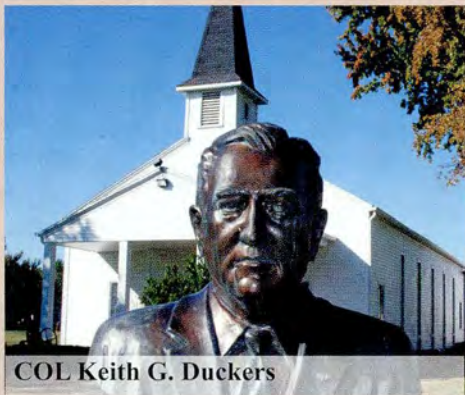
Creating a piece of art of this nature is painstaking and time consuming! The lost wax casting process has been used since ancient times and produces exacting, finely detailed reproductions of the original work. The basic steps are the same whether you are creating stainless steel or bronze artwork – first you form the image out of clay, then make a rubber mold from the clay, next pour the wax into the rubber mold to create the final mold out of ceramic. The artist then

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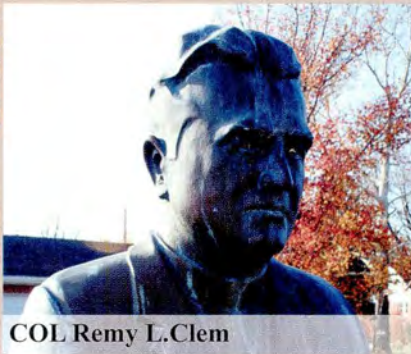
replaces it with the bronze. SIMPLE! All of this process cannot be done overnight, for example, the replica of Dwight Eisenhower has taken Bergen over four months to complete.

Bergen, who was named Distinguished Kansan of the Year in 2007, has created another masterpiece, a 18-inch sculpture of the Mule-Skinner. This unique replica has many fine details, such as the face on the “weathered” Mule-Skinner down to the whip he is holding. The price of this piece of art is \$3,000. Monies from the sale will be used for scholarships. This sculpture would look beautiful in any home or office.

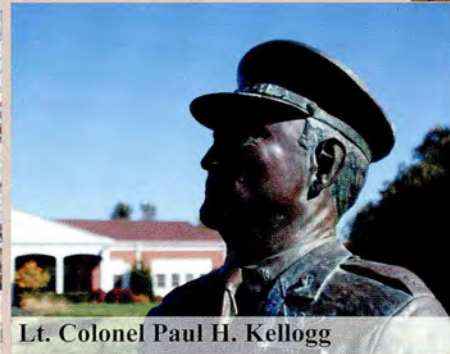
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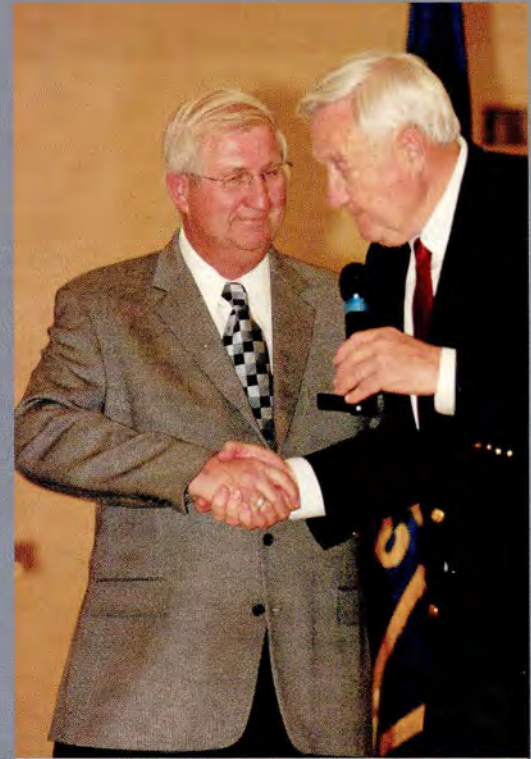


“Old
Boy”

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D. Dale Browning introduces Tim Soule during the promotion ceremony.



Browning shakes the hand of his good friend, Soule.

He was once a cadet, he is now a benefactor, and will always be a very strong advocate for St. John's Military School. Tim Soule, Class of 1966, Gordon Prize winner, and Battalion Commander of the 79th Corps, continues to give his time, talent and financial resources to help ensure the future of St. John's cadets.

Believing in our motto, “Building leaders, one cadet at a time,” Soule contributes annually to provide scholarships to young cadets. “These very deserving gentlemen are the future leaders of our community, our businesses and our country.

St. John's gave me the skill sets needed to go on to a prosperous and successful career, both in business and in the community. I strongly feel that we have a duty to give back in some way to those institutions that helped us succeed.” Tim will tell you there is no finer school than St. John's Military School, period. Soule's interest in providing scholarships to deserving young men gives the corps the chance to grow both in numbers and in quality. Recipients of Soule scholarships have become leaders on the sports field, in the classroom and

within the corps of cadets.

In addition, Tim, along with his wife Suzan, joined with Dale Browning to fund the state of the art recreation center in the basement of Jack Vanier Hall. The scope of Soule's financial support may never be accurately measured because of his desire to remain in the background.

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CPT JAMES BELL A LEGEND RETURNS!



During my early years at St. John's I came across some vintage pictures of the St. John's Drum and Bugle Corps. There were easily 50 members in the corps. Each one holding a drum or bugle standing proudly in front of old Vail Hall. Some of the

cadets were barely bigger than the instrument they were holding. Upon further investigation I learned that CPT. James Bell was in charge of music at St. John's during this era. Bell's reputation was well known throughout the music community. Responsible for not only a glorious time for music at St. John's but also for founding the Salina Silver Sabres, a notable member of Drum Corps International and a group that had in it's membership many area professional musicians. I had always wished that I had known CPT Bell and

could have benefited from his vast knowledge of percussion and his obvious knack for building a fine music program at St. John's. Much to my delight, CPT Bell visited St. John's during the summer of 2009 on his way to a class reunion. It was my good fortune to stop by the administrative office during his visit and meet the man I had come to admire through his many musical accomplishments. I found him to be a warm and kind gentleman still passionate about percussion and willing to share the curriculum that yielded him such success with the cadets during his tenure at St. John's. Upon his return home he sent his percussion method book along with a recording of each exercise. It was with great enthusiasm that I shared this pedagogy with my own percussion students. Currently living in Texas, he stopped by again during Parents Weekend on his way to a celebration at Wentworth Military Academy where he also taught. Wentworth Alumni were honoring their beloved teacher and friend with a special event on the Wentworth campus. Here's to you, CPT Bell, we treasure your expertise and the foundation you laid so many years ago at St. John's and in Salina. Thanks for your visit!



Tim Soule stands as the reviewing officer as the 122nd Corps of Cadets Pass-in-Review!

Soule graduated from Western State College, Gunnison Colorado, with a B.A. degree in Political Science, and was a member of the U. S. Army from 1970 to 1972. He joined Union Power Construction Company in 1972 and became Vice-President in 1975. Union Power Construction Company went on to become a Founding Member of Quanta Services, Inc. a publicly



CPT Brandon Santana renders honors as Headquarters Company passes the reviewing stand.

traded NYSE company founded in 1998. Mr. Soule was a Founding Member of the Board of Directors of Quanta Services from 1998 to 2000. He is a member of the Board of Trustees for the joint NECA/IBEW Line Construction Benefit Fund. He was Chairman of the Board of Republic National Bank from 1987 to 1993. He is currently President and a member of the Board of Directors for the Soule Family Foundation. Soule serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of St. John's and is chair of the recruiting and development

committee and a member of the executive committee. A frequent visitor to the St. John's campus, Tim feels that "it is an honor and a privilege to be a part of the St. John's family." Tim and his wife Suzan live in Castle Rock, Colorado.

Soule can't pass up this opportunity to let the 122nd Corps know that they are shaping up to be almost as good as the 79th! "There have been some good corps, but nothing quite as polished and distinguished as the 79th Corps of Cadets. SJMS Forever!"



Speech Class IS BACK

SJMS has a new speech teacher, but Glenn Nelson is not new to teaching. He has been teaching speech, debate and forensics for past for 31 years. He received his college degree form Black Hills State University in Speerfield, South Dakota located just 45 miles from the famed national park attraction,

Mt. Rushmore. He thinks most of the cadets at St. John's have a good work ethic. He finds the structure and discipline a welcome change from the public school system. In fact he says "I'm not sure I could go back to public school teaching after being here at St. John's." Besides his teaching load at St. John's he has been helping out quite a bit with substituting when teachers are out with illness or need to attend professional meetings! In addition he helps work with students at Salina High Central and Lakewood Middle School as a debate and forensics coach. Weekends he can be found judging for area forensic, debate and speech tournaments. When asked about Mr. Nelson, Ian Brands said, "he is a great teacher and makes speech class very enjoyable."

Welcome, Mr. Nelson!



ROTC Department Fills SAI Position

Chief Warrant Officer, Anthony Edwards was named Senior Army Instructor of the St. John's Military School ROTC Department at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. Prior to joining the staff of St. John's, Edwards was stationed at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, assigned to the US Army recruiting command. He retired from the

Army on Feb. 1, 2009. Edwards was chief of all officer recruiting in the active Army. He had an annual mission to recruit over 1500 soldiers and travelled the world to conduct recruiting briefings. A member of the Army since shipping out to basic training three days after graduating from high school, Edwards has been stationed at several bases both in the United States and abroad. Edwards holds a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice and a Masters in Human Relations and Counseling. When asked about how St. John's differs from his past work experience Edwards explained, "It's extremely different because I have never been around this many teenagers at once and it can be challenging." Edwards says he has "enjoyed teaching cadets, not just about the different ROTC topics but life in general and hopefully I am making a difference."

Welcome, Mr. Edwards!

FOOTBALL

We started the football season with great expectations. With five returning seniors, some solid underclassmen, a handful of "New Boys" and some "Old Boys" eager to try football for the first time we ended up with a good team.

Our record of three and six does not do this mighty team justice. Two of our losses were two point contests. Each game, our cadets fought like champions, not once giving in to their opponents and finishing each game with intensity. Last season saw several games ending before the fourth quarter because of the mercy rule. This year, our goal was to make

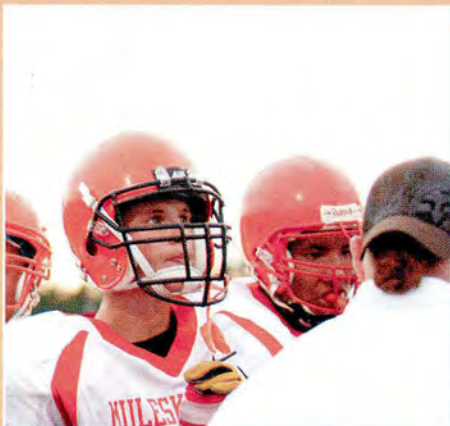
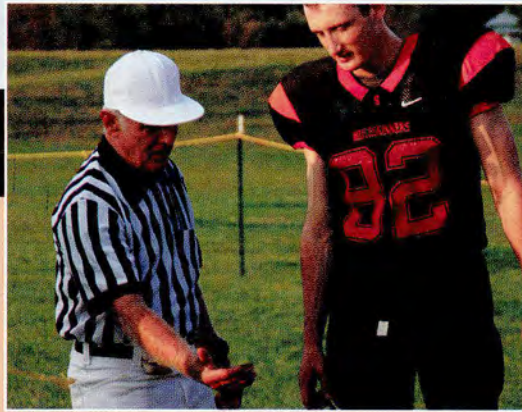
it to the fourth quarter in every game. When team members held up four fingers, it signaled to all in attendance that the team was celebrating making their goal.

Overall, I am very proud of the guys. These cadets laid the groundwork for next year.

Coach Roy Lawrence



Top: The football team put their hands together during the Parents Weekend Pep Rally. Left: Aaron Turner and Gregory Saville gain some yards. Above: The official team picture.



Clockwise from left: Aaron Turner gains some yards. Sean McCoy at the coin toss. The team huddle around Sean McCoy as he leads the charge. Gary Stone, Sam Lewis, Duncan Aron and Gregory Saville hold four fingers in the air signifying the team made it to the fourth quarter. Connor Dempsey hydrates while he listens to the coach during a time out. The 2009 Mule-Skinner Football team consisted of 20 players, three coaches and four managers working together to produce a season to remember!

2009 Football Roster

Number	Name	Position	Weight (lbs.)	Height
3	Jesse Campbell	DE	140	5'6"
4	Ryan Lynch	LB	155	5'6"
7	Justin Ferraro	G	145	5'5"
8	Matthew Kassing	S	131	5'9"
9	Conner Dempsey	DE	140	6'0"
10	Chris Whitehead	QB	162	5'10"
15	Aaron Turner	TE	185	6'2"
22	Ricky Gesino	WR	172	6'1"
32	Samuel Lewis	TB	185	5'8"
34	Elliot Wood	G	165	6'0"
36	Gregory Saville	FB	228	6'1"
51	Sergio Cois	G	160	5'7"
53	Phillip Abernathy	G	160	6'0"
62	Duncan Aron	DE	165	5'8"
63	Gary Stone	C	214	5'9"
81	Mitchel Moshiri	TE	185	6'1"
82	Sean McCoy	TE	193	6'3"
93	Jonathon Gray	DE	227	5'10"
99	Taylor Mullen	NG	261	6'5"

Head Coach: Roy Lawrence

Assistant Coaches: Aaron Gay, Curtis Johnson

Team Managers: Zachary Benishek, Jordan Carter,
Jonathon Demastus, Nicolas Payan,

Team Stats

Sean Mc Coy 384 yards rushing

Aaron Turner 367 yards rushing

Gregory Saville 335 yards rushing

Samuel Lewis 320 yards rushing

Christopher Whitehead led the team in passing with 423 yards

Sean Mc Coy lead in tackles with 86

Aaron Turner was a close second with 61 tackles

Sean Mc Coy led the team in scoring with 11 touchdowns

Aaron Turner once again a close second with 9 touchdowns



Top: A home victory, look at that score! Above: BOTTOM ROW: Elliot Wood, Phillip Abernathy, Matthew Kassing, Collin Cooper, Ricky Gesino and Jonathan Demastus. SECOND ROW: Aaron Turner, Samuel Lewis, Sean McCoy, Jonathan Gray, Taylor Mullen and Coach Roy Lawrence stand together as the seniors were recognized during an all school meeting in the round room.



Clockwise from top left: The offensive line ready to snap the ball. Battle on the gridiron. Christopher Whitehead on a quarterback sweep. Duncan Aron, Mitchel Moshiri, Jesse Campbell, Connor Dempsey, Christopher Whitehead, Jonathan Gray, Matthew Kassing, Taylor Mullen, Gary Stone, Ryan Lynch, Sergio Cois, Aaron Turner, Sean Mc Coy and Justin Ferraro stand at the side lines during the playing of the National Anthem.

Congratulations on a Great Season!



Soccer

Stats

RECORD 6-7

GOALS SCORED/SCORED ON 57/61

SCORE LEADERS

STUART	16
MCGUCKIN	16
ASHE	11
GAMBOA	7
HEFFINGTON	3
BARTHOLOMEW	1
DE LUCIO	1
DEL TORO	1
STRECKER	1

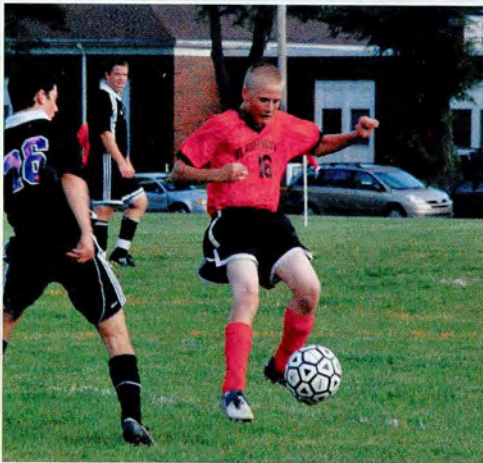
GOALIE SAVES

LAU	82
DEL TORO	17
RITTER	12

Coach Leo Alvarado commented "we had a very good season compared to last year. We are still growing as players, coaches and as a team." Many of the SJMS staff watching the games this season marveled at the way the soccer team kept fighting until the final whistle signaled the end of the game. No one gave up! Even a bout of the flu didn't keep the players down. It was great fun watching the team play!

SJMS Soccer Roster

Player's Name	Grade	Number	Position
Enoch Lau	Jr	0/30	GK/MF
Stephen Ritter	Jr	00-2	GK-D
Devon Conway	Sr	3	D
Cesar De Lucio	Fr	5	MF
Shae Gager	Jr	6	MF
Luis M. Del Toro	Fr	7	MF-F-GK
Austin Strecker	Sr	8	MF
Diego Gamboa	Fr	9	MF
Wilkency McGuckin	Sr	10	MF-F
Henry Jacinto	F	14	D-MF
Paul Strebeck	Sr	15	MF-F
Steven Bartholomew	Fr	16	MF
Grant Heffington	Fr	17	MF
Kyle Stuart	Sr	18	F
Klaus Mullens	So	19	MF
Patrick Harden	Jr	20	D
Tommy Ashe	Jr	21	MF-F
Kang Woo Lee	Sr	22	D-MF
Arjun Singh	So	23	MF
Mitchel Hermiston	So	24	MF
Corey Lewis	Jr	25	MF
Nick Desterbecq	So		
Chandler Clark:	Manager		
Assistant Coach:	Daniel Leech		
Head Coach:	Leo Alvarado		



Above: Steven Bartholomew controls the ball. *Middle:* Cesar DeLucio uses great foot control to keep the ball in bounds. *Upper Right:* Stephen Ritter keeps the ball away from the SJMS goal. *Right:* The 2009 Team Picture
FRONT ROW: Henry Jacinto, Diego Gamboa, Austin Strecker, Luis Del Toro, Shae Gager, Cesar De Lucio, Devon Conway, Stephen Ritter, Enoch Lau, and Manager, Chandler Clark.
BACK ROW: Coach Daniel Leech, Klaus Mullens, Corey Lewis, Mitchel Hermiston, Tommy Ashe, Wilkency Mc Guckin, Kang Woo Lee, Patrick Harden, Grant Heffington, Steven Bartholomew, Paul Strebeck, and Head Coach Leo Alvarado.





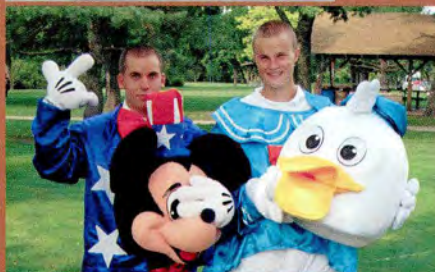
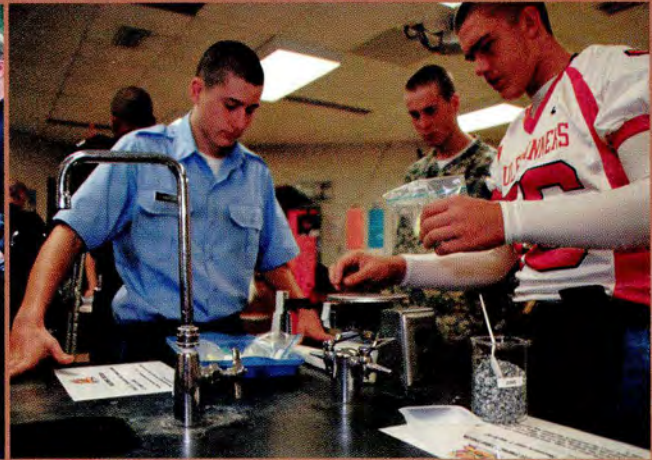
Above: The team gets in the 'spirit' to play! *Right:* Patrick Harden kicks the ball away from the SJMS goal. *Left:* Wilkency Mc Guckin goes for the ball. *Right:* Luis Del Toro displays some fleet feet!



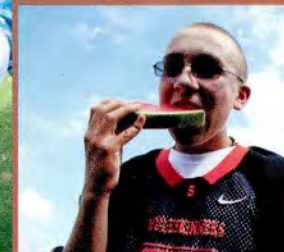
Upper Left: Devon Conway displays good Defense. *Middle:* Shae Gager attempts to steal the ball. *Upper Right:* Luis Del Toro gives the ball a ride with an opponent close by.

Left: The last home game was designated senior night. The seniors were escorted by their SJMS Moms and Dads. FROM LEFT: SGM Jerry Nichols, Austin Strecker, Devon Conway, CPT Doug Watkins, Kang Woo Lee, Mark Ramsey, Kyle Stuart, Lorita Nichols, Taya Ford, Wilkency Mc Guckin, Paul Strebeck and Kurt White. The soccer seniors were given a thank you note and ten dollars in rec bucks!

Congratulations on a Great Season!



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