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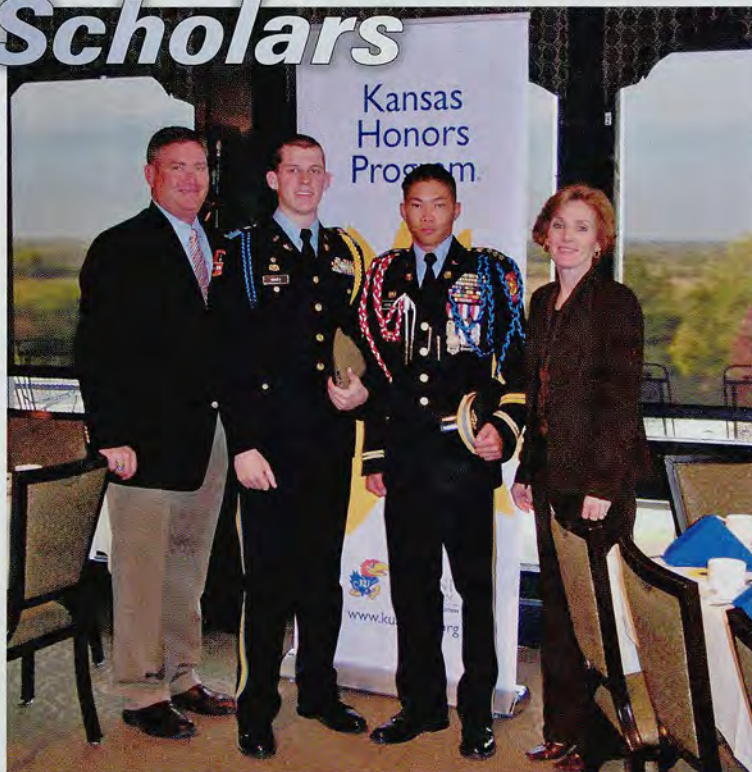
125
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Tradition





KANSAS Scholars

The Kansas Honors Program recognizes and awards high school seniors for their academic achievements. Each year KU alumni gather in more than 37 locations across the state for an awards ceremony and honorary dinner or reception. High school seniors who rank academically in the top 10 percent of their class are invited to attend. Scholars are selected based on academic records provided by their high school principals. Each Kansas Honor Scholar receives a certificate, a special edition of *Webster's New College Dictionary*, and a chance to qualify for a \$4,000 scholarship to KU.



Merit Davey, and Wei Feng, Kansas Honor Scholars for 2012, attended the dinner at the Salina Country Club with President E. Andrew England, and Academic Dean, Ginger Wooten.

Haen earns Gold!

"John shot with a rifle used last by Old Boy Joshua Batchelor, award winning SJMS rifleman Class of 2012. This rifle is usually reserved for the rifle team captain."

Tony Blair

"The weekend of September 10, 2012, John Haen was the lone Cadet representing St. John's at the Kansas State Rifle Association's Junior Shooting Camp. The camp, designed for beginner to intermediate shooters, gives everyone a chance to focus on the upcoming season. Young shooters benefit quite a bit from this experience .

The weekend started with supper at the Brookville Hotel. Afterwards, we traveled to Camp Mary Dell. Haen signed in, was assigned a cottage (shack) that he shared with a Missouri competitor he met last year during a competition, enjoyed a late night snack, and snuggled into his sleeping bag in preparation for the next day's activities.

After breakfast Saturday morning, the air rifle shooters were separated from the rifle shooters and traveled to the range. Thirteen rifle competitors received a detailed safety briefing and started practicing in all three shooting positions. Older and more experienced



shooters helped the less experienced shooters in the beginning, but eventually everyone had ample time on the range.

After lunch, the individual competition began. Even though John didn't shoot as well as he hoped, he did very well, especially in trying to adjust to a new rifle. Overall, he finished fifth out of thirteen. Most of the top junior shooters in the state of Kansas were present and showed no mercy on the rest of the competitors. On Sunday following the safety briefing, the team competition began. Two-person teams are chosen by using the previous day's scores. The top shooter was matched with the lowest shooter until seven teams were formed. This is where John and his partner Elivia excelled. Since John's rifle was so much better than Elivia's he allowed her to use his rifle, jacket, and sling. John was faced with training his partner and acting as both coach and mentor. With John's help and



great effort, Elivia managed to shoot her best score in the four years of attending this camp. John and Elivia blew away the competition, each earning a gold medal for their efforts.

After the team competition, the air rifle shooters were allowed to shoot several rounds on the .22 rifles. They were carefully coached by some of the more experienced shooters, including Haen. John Haen should be proud of what his shooter accomplished."

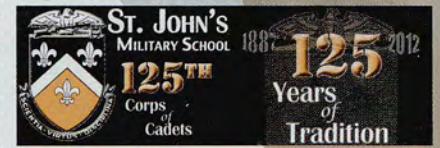
Congratulations, John! Coach Blair

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Football and Soccer



The 125th Corps of Cadets was formed on the tear drop just as it has been formed for the last 125 years. This corps will carry on the traditions begun many years ago on the plains of Kansas!

Back Cover



Reece Turner, Blase Whitting, and Caelon Tautz trumpeters extraordinaire!

Front Cover

Photo by Scott Wiedeman



Anna Robles and Pam Kraus used some of their summer vacation to explore the wild blue yonder.

"The Space Frontier Foundation, along with NASA brought 125 educators from around the nation to attend week long conferences, one about suborbital and experimental flight, and one about space medicine and human factors. In April of 2011, I learned I was one of 125 teachers chosen to participate. I flew to Daytona Beach, Florida where I spent a week at Embry Riddle Aeronautics University learning about suborbital space flight. We were able to tour the Advanced Flight Simulator building and witness some of the training pilots receive. As part of this experiment I had the opportunity to meet two Teacher Astronauts, and retired shuttle commander Rick Searfoss, the Chief Test Pilot for the X-Cor Lynx. I was given a copy of the X-Plane Flight simulator software my students use to fly the Lynx in its intended flight path.

In July 2012, I returned to Daytona Beach for the Space Medicine and Human Factors workshop. The big challenge of the week was working with a group of fellow teachers to create a vehicle that could travel to Mars and back. One of the perks of being a part of the *Teachers in Space* (TIS) program is the opportunity to network with other educators. Every night we would go to local restaurants and eat as a group. This was a great opportunity to share ideas and stories from the classroom. During this last workshop I attended, we went to iFly Orlando for the indoor sky diving experience." **Anna Robles**

"My schedule didn't allow me to apply for the TIS workshops in 2011, but after Anna's experience I knew I wanted to apply in 2012. I was selected to participate in the Space Medicine and Human Factors workshop at the FAA Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City in June 2012. As Anna mentioned, our project for the

week was to use what we were learning to create a spacecraft that could travel to Mars and back carrying seven passengers. It was amazing how much information there was to consider for a long-term trip to Mars. In addition I experienced hypoxia (low oxygen levels) in a high altitude chamber. We experienced what it would be like at 25,000 feet for 5 minutes without an oxygen mask! We also used night vision goggles, participated in a simulated escape from a smoke-filled plane, learned survival techniques, and rode in a GAT simulator to experience flight disorientation.

When a cancellation occurred in the TIS Suborbital Aeronautics workshop to be held in Daytona Beach, Florida in July 2012, I was fortunate to be selected. At this workshop I was able to do many of the same things Anna Robles had done the year before.

During the week we traveled to Kennedy Space Center where we observed a panel discussion on the future of space travel, featuring 6 astronauts and Charles Bolden, NASA Administrator. Several teachers presented classroom activities including wind tunnels and lasers. We were able to tour the Advanced Flight Simulator building to observe the various types of flight simulators used to train pilots and I was privileged to fly with a student pilot and his flight instructor during his first flight using just instruments. In addition to the amazing experiences and classroom instruction we received, we were able to spend a week with 24 other outstanding STEM educators. The discussions and ideas shared among the participants were very beneficial and the network formed continues as we use technology to communicate across the country. The third workshop I attended was the USAF/FIRST Leadership Workshop. I was one of 24 out of 250 teachers selected through

an application process open to all FIRST robotics mentors. The USAF is a committed sponsor of FIRST Robotics, but wanted to have a more direct impact on those involved in the FIRST program. The three-day workshop was held at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and Patrick Air Force Base in Florida. It featured classroom instruction on leadership principles and team building by Colonel Miriam Michael. In addition we were able to tour restricted areas of Cape Canaveral, including the historic launch pad for many of the Apollo launches, the Atlas and Delta rocket vertical integration facilities and their launch pads. Several Air Force lieutenants provided briefings about the Atlas and Delta rockets, satellites, secure communications, weather and control room procedures. Standing near the launch pads and being within a foot of actual rockets being prepared for launch was a dream come true. Because of my participation in these workshops, the summer of 2012 was one of the most amazing and inspiring summers of my life! Now I look forward to using all that I learned to encourage my students' interest in STEM. I will have first-hand experience about pressure changes at high altitudes to share with my Chemistry classes when we study gas laws. Anna Robles and I hope to incorporate a Mars project between our classes and I will be able to expand the Space/Flight unit in Integrated Science with new information and activities."

Pam Kraus

These workshops were funded by Teachers in Space, NASA, and USAIR FORCE

THE
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TEACHERS IN SPACE

Preparing the Teachers of Today for the Challenges of Tomorrow



"Sharing what I experienced this summer with the St. John's Cadets will allow me to expand my curriculum and share my interest in space travel and flight."
Anna Robles



"The highlight of this workshop was riding in a glider piloted by former shuttle commander, Rick Searfoss, Colonel, USAF Retired."

Pam Kraus



ACADEMIC Stars



Thomas Elliott



Levi Harmon



Levi Gottsponer

Blue Beret



"The members of the 125th Corps of Cadets have collectively earned the highest overall grade point averages in recent memory. We can attribute this to both the work ethic being displayed by the Cadets and the strategies developed by the military advisors and teaching staff to help the Cadets achieve this academic success. Congratulations to all!"
Ginger Wooten

DEAN'S HONOR ROLL



Paul Meyer



Eli Harmon



John Haen



Yixiu Li



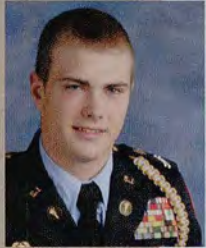
Yi Xu



Sergio Cois



Adam Walther



Matthew Giachetto



Francisco Arismendi



Caelon Tautz



Logan Murtha



Jake Whitting



Edouard Nestorovic



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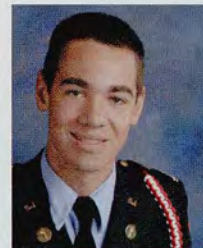
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Chase Rose



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Brandon Wright



Austin Searls



Jack Busacker



Tanner Haycock



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Craig Roukema



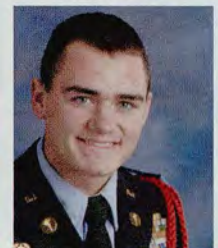
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Daniel Weisman



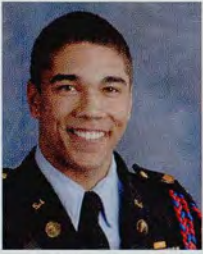
Timothy Pilcher



Ryan Lynch

HIGH School

HONOR ROLL



Darius
Bridgeman



James
McCaffery



Joey
Glavan



Richard
Reynolds



Tyler
Schneider



Adam
Harrington



Duncan
Farrell



Lukas
Pumo



Connor
Dempsey



Cameron
Webb



Gian
Falossi



Geoffrey
Houchens



Calvin
Guardiola



Jacob
Wiese



David
Burke



David
Schmaus



Merit
Davey



Lester
Ostertag



Brigham
Arnold



Jonathan
McSwan



William
Malone



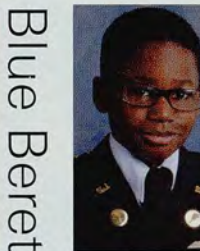
Christopher
Kessler



Bryan
Udofia



Nicholas
Vetter



Jackson
Brinn



Erik
Cabildo Arias

Blue Beret

DEAN'S HONOR ROLL



John
Garon



Kole
Stoltz



Ryan
Barrera-Law



Reece
Turner



Blase
Whitting

HONOR ROLL



MIDDLE School

PARENTS' Weekend the 125th *On Point!*

Eli Harmon, Bravo Company Commander, helps members of his company, Bryan Udofia and John Garon, fold the Garrison Flag.



The Battalion Staff comprised of Darius Bridgeman, Wei Feng, Levi Gottsponer, Sergio Cois, Daniel Weisman, Tanner Haycock, and Jordan Covers, lead the 125th Corps of Cadets.



Drill Team Members performing were: Francisco Arismendi, Calvin Guardiola, Matthew Giachetto, Commander Ryan Lynch, Brooklyn McKnight, Lester Ostertag, Edgar Vergara, Andre Popovic, and Cameron Webb.

CANDIDS

Top to bottom: Sandra and Steven Brinn gather around their son, "Action" Jackson. Osvaldo Hernandez Rodriguez renders a salute after being promoted to Old Boy. Old Boy, Nicholas Sheldon is all smiles as he stands with his parents, William and Mary Sheldon. Yi Fan Xu presents arms as he stands before Battalion Commander, Levi Gottsponer. Adam Harrington in his drill sergeant hat and soccer jersey is flanked by his Mom, Lynelle Shubert and John Shubert.



Stephan Selby entertains with a rendition of the Russian song, *Moscow Midnight*.



Reece Turner and Justin Gilbert perform a drill off!

Calvin Guardiola keeps the cadence flowing on the rope tension drum.

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CANDIDS

AMS & BMS...mud & guts

"The SJMS Cadets look forward to being drenched with water, covered in mud, and experiencing complete exhaustion during the Advanced Military Skills (AMS) and the Basic Military Skills (BMS) tryouts. Those Cadets who survive the challenge become members of the AMS & BMS teams and get to

wear blacks, or the tiger stripes! The first AMS & BMS Challenge began at 1900 hours and was completed at 2400 hours on September 15, 2012. After over five hours of strenuous physical training, twelve new members joined the seven returning members.

Xinyang Du, Jordan Covers, Thomas Elliott, Zuno Santiago Vuilleumier, Andre Popovic, Eduardo Melendrez Rosales, and after at least six previous challenges, Ryan Lynch. Way to go, Ryan!

BMS - Michael Anglemeyer, Jackson Brinn, Erik Cabildo Arias, Ryan Barrera-Law, Blase Whitting, and John Garon survived the night of physical challenge to make the team. These Cadets join returning members, Reece Turner, and Kole Stoltz. BMS Commander Brooklyn McKnight and BMS Assistant Commander Eli Harmon will guide the team through training.

During the second tryout session, Jacob Gengler and David Schmaus emerged victorious as the newest members of the AMS team. We are looking forward to a great year!"

SFC Rob Cruce

Returning Members: AMS

Commander Wei Feng, Eli Harmon, Levi Harmon, Brooklyn McKnight, Merit Davey, Calvin Guardiola, and Gabrielius Gurskas.

New

Members: Craig Roukema, David Burke, Edgar Vergara, Colton Brown, Eduardo Nestorovic,



front row: Calvin Guardiola, Blase Whitting, Michael Anglemeyer, and Jackson Brinn. *back row:* Gabrielius Gurskas, Reece Turner, Brooklyn McKnight, Ryan Barrera-Law, SFC Rob Cruce, John Garon, Erik Cabildo Arias, SFC Mark Giles, Kole Stoltz, and Eli Harmon.



front row: David Schmaus, and Jacob Gengler. *back row:* Brooklyn McKnight, Levi Harmon, Calvin Guardiola, SFC Rob Cruce, Wei Feng, SFC Mark Giles, Eli Harmon, and Gabrielius Gurskas.



"The entire time during the challenge I just kept thinking how much I wanted to give up. What motivated me to continue was that I wanted to make my failing grandmother proud before she passed away."

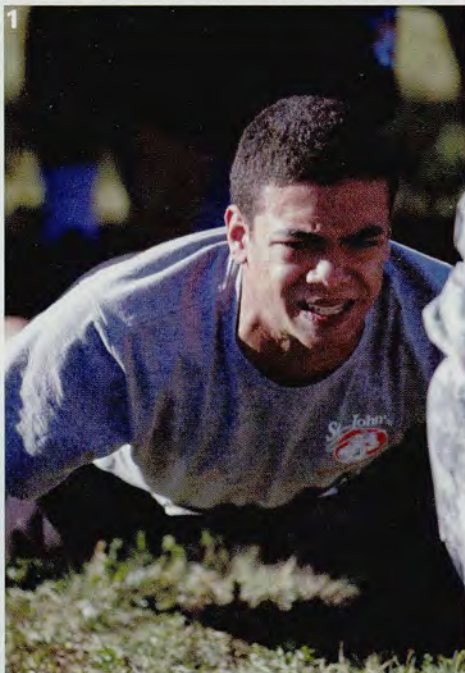
Jacob Gengler

FITNESS challenge

September 22, 2012



front row: Austin Searls, Eduardo Melendrez, Andre Popovic, Edgar Vegara, Kenneth Slaven, Ryan Lynch, Drake Donenfeld, Eli Harmon, Juan Vuilleumier, Daniel Weisman, and Brooklyn McKnight. back row: Gage Brklacich, Luke Clayton, Jase Lacy, Xinyang Du, Darius Bridgeman, Clay Endsley, Eduardo Nestorovic, Merit Davey, David Schmaus, Leconte Prophete, Jordan Covers, Connor Dempsey, Thomas Elliott, Tanner Haycock, Levi Harmon, Wei Feng, Elias Gonzales, Calvin Guardiola, and Paul Meyer.



“During the Army Physical Fitness Challenge, the SJMS Cadets won the trophy for top high school team! Wei Feng, Andre Popovic, Levi Harmon, and Calvin Guardiola received medals for top team and Andre Popovic earned a first place medal for top civilian individual category scoring a 318!”

SFC Rob Cruce

1. Calvin Guardiola grimaces as he works towards earning a medal for his team.
2. Eduardo Melendrez does push ups as Juan Vuilleumier takes the count.
3. Jase Lacy works the pugil stick.
4. Andre Popovic and Austin Searls wait for the chance to use the pugil sticks.



What a great beginning to the 125th Corps of Cadets!!! Leadership/Sports Camp was a great success with almost 100 cadets coming back early to learn leadership skills and begin their sports training. The SJMS staff is very impressed with how serious this year's Corps leaders are taking their responsibilities. While maintaining the camaraderie of the Old Boys, the leaders are doing an excellent job in training the New Boys. The Old Boys feel a sense of pride and are excited about what this year has to offer.

Many New Boys have made it through their rigorous schedule and training, passed their New Boy test, and graduated to Old Boy status. The sense of accomplishment is evident in the pictures of their smiling faces in the school's weekly newsletters. Congratulations to the families who now feel the pride of their sons successfully accomplishing Old Boy status. These young men will enjoy that title for the rest of their lives.

The SJMS Parents Association is as strong as ever this year. The board members have spoken with many of the New Boy parents and have received many heartwarming thank you notes and e-mails. Always remember, we are a resource for you and your cadet. If there is anything you need, even if it's just an ear, please give us a call. We have all been where you are and often can provide insight, support, and comfort.

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Vicki Schneider displays the winning shirt design.

We had a great Parents' Weekend with many parents joining the Parents' Association or upgrading from an annual membership to a lifetime membership.

We also had great success with our special 125th anniversary t-shirt and sweatshirt sale. In September, we held a contest for the Cadets to design a 125th anniversary t-shirt. Sergio Cois won and received \$125.00 in gift cards as well as a t-shirt with his design.

Thank you to all the cadets who participated in the contest, and thank you to all the family members who purchased a t-shirt or sweatshirt. We will sell them again during Parents' Weekend in February.

Another thank you to the parents who

attended our informational meeting to learn more about our activities and volunteer to help. We really appreciate your help!

Our first class in our "Life 101" series was a great success. The class, entitled "Responsibilities," touched on several topics including drinking and driving, riding in a car with someone who has been drinking or taking drugs, and texting while driving. The Cadets had a blast, learned a lot, and overwhelmingly said the class helped them understand the impact of driving impaired or distracted.

Watch for our regular newsletters. We are including articles on:

- The hierarchy of the corps, such as how many companies there are, who runs each company, and which Cadets are in the various companies

- Career Day, planned for early 2013, encourages our high school Cadets to learn about a variety of occupations and what education/experience is needed to become employed in those fields

- Who's Who at SJMS
- Teacher Wish List

We are excited about the Cadets' progress, the increased emphasis on academics, the seamless nature in which the school is operating, and the wonderful activities planned. After only a short period of time, the Cadets are very advanced in their training. It's going to be a great year!

Sara Cline

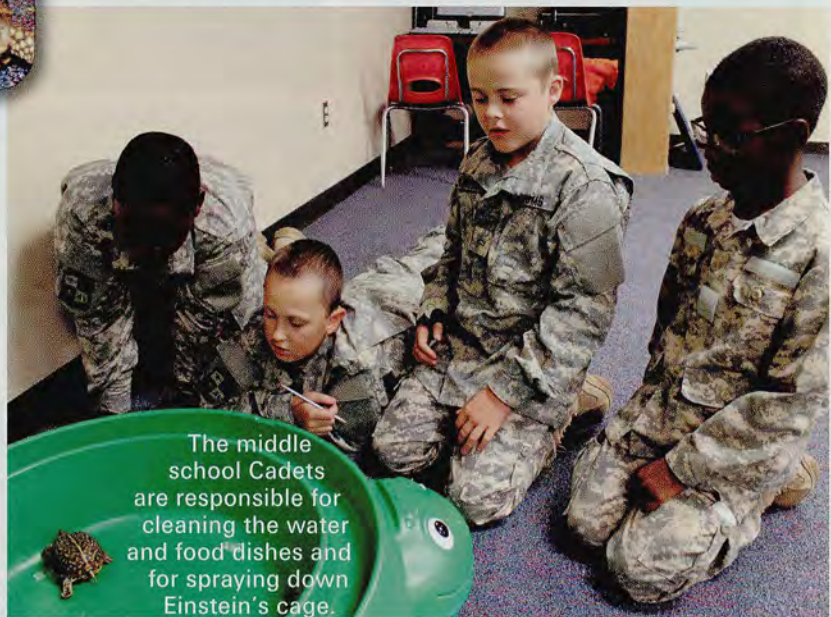
MIDDLE School Pet Project

One day in class a student told Ms. Robles that the class needed a pet. On Monday morning, a turtle appeared. Robles had mentioned to several teachers that she was looking for a turtle. Mrs. Wilton's husband works for KDOT and one Sunday evening he rescued a turtle that had been run over by a front loader. The turtle's shell was cracked on the top, his right arm likely broken, and his belly was scraped up.

It didn't take long for the excitement of the turtle to build. Each class came up with a few names and from that list Ms. Robles chose *Einstein*. "The wonderful part about having a turtle is that the care required is fairly simple. The students are excited about helping take care of Einstein. It is helping teach responsibility," explains Robles.



Takin' care of Einstein are Bryan Udofia, Alex Neroni, Jacob Younger, and Jackson Brinn!



The middle school Cadets are responsible for cleaning the water and food dishes and for spraying down Einstein's cage.



Old Boys of Fall

When our Old Boys return to campus, it's like catching up

with family! The hugs, the catching up on the lives they are leading, and seeing each other face-to-face once more, warm the heart. They can't wait to tell us their stories, and to be back on campus. We expect to see many faces

during Commencement; however, it's always a great surprise when Old Boys, "pop in." Dropping by to see us recently: •Greg Saville, 2012. Greg is playing football for Friends University in Wichita, Kansas. Saville is enjoying his freshman year and is keeping a very busy schedule. •Quentin Schur, 2012. Quentin and John Sam Watkins, 2012, are presently at Basic Training in Ft. Benning, Georgia. •Ryan Harris, 2011, has enlisted in the United States Army, and will depart for Basic

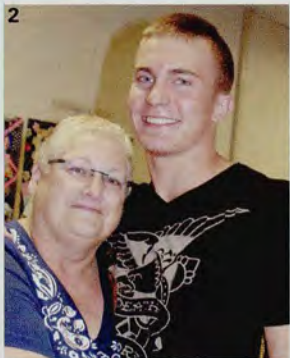
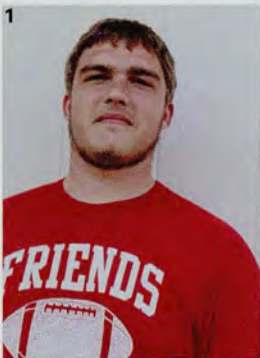
Training in January. He is looking forward to the challenge. •Mike Wagner, 1991, attended Fall Parents' Weekend and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Mike recently started his own business and enjoys watching his successful endeavor grow. •Ian Brands 2011, visited campus during Fall Parents' Weekend. He joined the battalion drums, playing his beloved cow bell, and reported that his favorite part of life is "singing in his college choir!"



OLD BOYS

RETURN FOR A VISIT

All Old Boys Make plans now to gather during the 125th Corps of Cadets Commencement Weekend, May 9 -11, 2013. Let's grow the numbers in "F" Troop to 125 Old Boys!



1. Greg Saville, wearing his Friends University football shirt. 2. Deb Feil and Quenton Schur, just before Quenton reported to AIT. 3. Wendy Stein and Ian Brands during Fall Parents' Weekend! 4. Jason Czerwinski and Craig Roukema met up in the library during Jason's visit to the school building. 5. Ryan Harris and Michael Cain watch over the Howitzer during the football game on Perkins Field.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY Induction

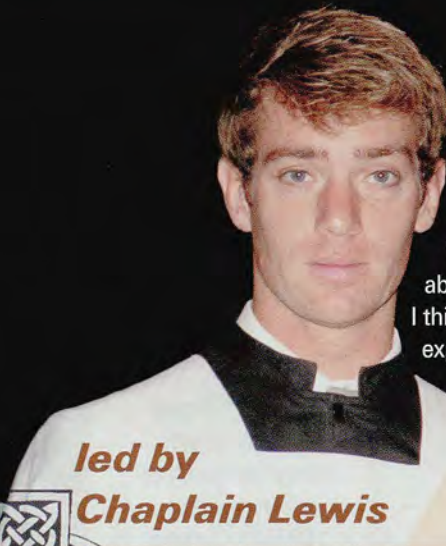
Wei Feng, Battalion S-2, son of Huei Chaun Liu, Hacienda Heights, California, recited the National Honor Society (NHS) oath during the Fall Parents' Weekend! NHS honors those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The St. John's Chapter of NHS provides academic assistance with opportunity study hall.



Pam Kraus and Chris Zerger stand with the 2012-2013 NHS members; Wei Feng, Merit Davey, Eli Harmon, and Levi Harmon.



A SPIRITUAL Awakening



led by
Chaplain Lewis

"Since joining the staff of St. John's as the Chaplain, I have kept coming back to one question, "What do I wish now I had been taught about God when I was younger?"

Whenever I think about this question, I think about the adult "mentors" I had as a young boy. I think of how I was affected whenever someone explained God in a relevant or meaningful way for my life, and I think about the tremendous influence my peers had on my faith life. And so these reflections have guided what I've done here at St. John's. I have

tried to set up something of a "network" of spiritual programs and services that provides three things: 1) personal mentoring at a small group-level that prays, shares, and relevantly applies the scriptures to ones' lives; 2) services that draw worship out of the Cadets and preaching that engages the Cadets where they are and challenges them to live lives of faith, love, and courage; and 3) a new structure of Cadet leaders involved in the Chapel who are empowered to practice a leadership style that is based on their faith."

Matthew Lewis

NEW Spiritual Programs

Chapel Small Groups

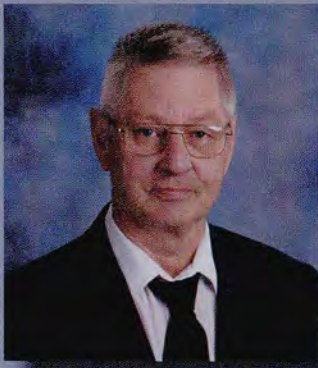
What: A time for cadets to meet together, hang out, talk about life and faith, and eat ice cream.
When: Monday nights after mess. Alternating weekly between high school & middle school.
Where: Chaplain's House

Movie Night

What: Watch a movie followed by discussion
When: Friday nights after mess
Where: JVH Theatre
Who: Any cadets interested (up to 20 at a time)
Alternates weekly between high school & middle school.

Devotionals

What: Evening devotionals in barracks. A time to relax and pray together at end of the day
When: Tuesday - Sage Hall Thursday - Jack Vanier Hall from 2115-2130.
Where: Movie room in Sage Hall, and Rec Center in Jack Vanier Hall.
Who: Any cadets interested (up to 15 at a time)



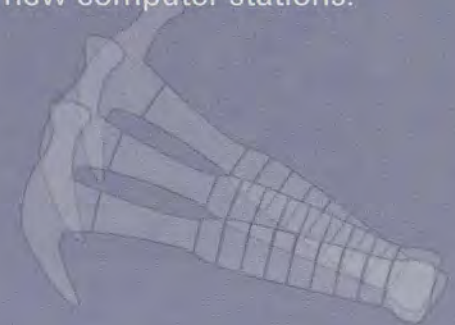
John Deters

The Pied Piper of Woodwork plies his trade and with the talents of his third and fourth hour class members, beautifies the Vanier Academic Center Library. The new computer desks in the library coordinate with many other

projects completed in the last few years: The Remy Clem Library media check out center, Mrs. McCoy's work station, teacher desks, book shelves, table tops in the art room, and the SJMSPA's supply cabinet sitting in the front hallway of the Vanier Academic Center. Under Deters' tutelage, Cadets learn woodworking skills while producing projects that serve a utilitarian purpose. A big thanks goes out to Mr. Deters and the Cadets involved in the beautification of the Vanier Academic Center.

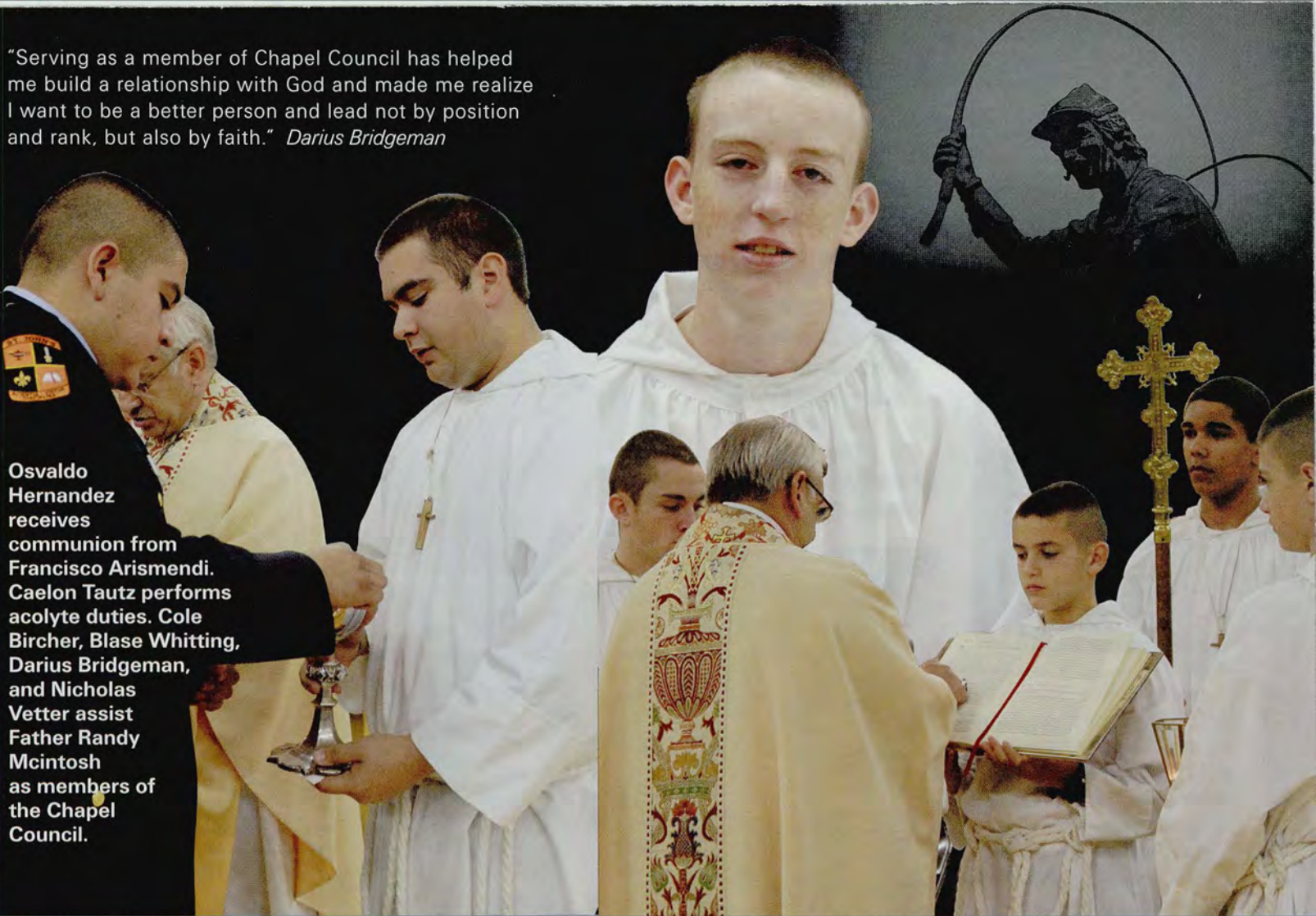


Lester Ostertag works at one of the new computer stations.



"Serving as a member of Chapel Council has helped me build a relationship with God and made me realize I want to be a better person and lead not by position and rank, but also by faith." *Darius Bridgeman*

Oswaldo Hernandez receives communion from Francisco Arismendi. Caelon Tautz performs acolyte duties. Cole Bircher, Blase Whitting, Darius Bridgeman, and Nicholas Vetter assist Father Randy McIntosh as members of the Chapel Council.



Colton Brown, Juan Calero, Xinyang Du, Clay Endsley, Tanner Haycock, Brooklyn McKnight, Brandon Mudd, Logan Murtha, Leconte Prophete, Kenneth Slaven, and Brandon Wright helped build and install the new computer desks for the Remy Clem Library.

1. Colton Brown, Brooklyn McKnight, and Tanner Haycock fit the new cabinet top to the base. 2. Kenneth Slaven and Leconte Prophete remove the old computer desks. 3. Clay Endsley, and Brandon Wright adjust the top before Mr. Deters secures the tops down.

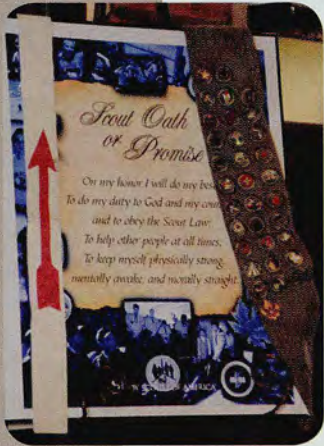
Eagle Scout Award Recognized October Parents' Weekend 2012

TROOP ONE

adds another

EAGLE

**James McCaffery
Earns his Eagle
in
The Year
of 100th Anniversary
of the Eagle Scout**



James Patrick "Jake" McCaffery came to St. John's Military School in February of 2010. McCaffery joined the scouting program as a Wolf Scout in Second Grade in Alexandria. Among his leadership posts in Alexandria, he served as Librarian, Assistant Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader. Upon his move to St. John's Military School, Salina, Kansas, he joined Troop 1 and distinguished himself as the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, then the Senior Patrol Leader. He was honored by his fellow scouts by being elected to the Order of the Arrow, where he currently serves as an officer in the Kidi Kidish Lodge #434.

For his Eagle Project, James planned and led the refurbishment and painting of the athletic field home bleachers at St. John's Military School.

At St. John's, McCaffery serves as Executive Officer of Bravo Company. He plays football and tennis for St. John's. James is a third degree black belt and instructor in Tae Kwon Do at Yang's Tae Kwon Do Academy in Alexandria. He is also qualified as a Rescue Scuba Diver.

Over the past summer, James completed a grueling and challenging "Outward Bound" course where he lived with other teens at sea in a thirty-foot long open rowing and sailing boat off the coast of Maine for four weeks. According to James, the Outward Bound motto "To Serve, To Strive and Not to Yield," really sums up what it means to be an Eagle Scout.

Through his trail to Eagle, James has grown, matured, and become a young man who is a role model to others and a tremendous source of pride to his parents, family, and St. John's.

Congratulations, James for carrying on a long McCaffery Family tradition!



Bryan Udofia, Seth Gundlach, and Zeth Mayeaux assist with the candle lighting portion of the ceremony.



**James
McCaffery
Eagle Scout
Order of the
Arrow**



Three Generations of Eagle Scouts

- Great Uncle Curtis Booth - 1935
- Grandfather George Booth - 1942
- Uncle Mike Booth - 1966
- Uncle Steve Booth - 1968
- Cousin Jonathan McCaffery - 2003
- Cousin Brian (BJ) Booth - 2004
- Cousin Kevin Booth - 2009
- James McCaffery - 2012



The team members:
Faculty Sponsor
Darin Bernhardt
Michael Cain
Cole Bircher
Jase Lacy
Ryan Barrera-Law
Elias Gonzales
Calvin Gaurdiola
Logan Murtha
Montana Strnad
Jack Bivens
Daniel Weisman
Bryan Long

RUNNING CLUB makes its *DEBUT*

Montana Strnad, Calvin Guardiola, Jack Bivens, Logan Murtha, faculty sponsor, Darin Bernhardt, Jase Lacy, and Michael Cain take a rest on rock formations.

"Running club came about this year after interest in cross country wasn't enough to field a team. There was high interest in a running sport, so with the half a dozen Cadets who were initially interested, the club grew to 10. The average participation is about 6 - 8 per day. Running club is open to any student who is determined and puts forth the effort. We welcome students capable of running 4 - 6 miles at any one time and able to hold the pace of a 10-12-minute mile.

This year we have traveled to the following places:

- *Salina Lakewood trails*
- *Salina's Indian Rock Park*
- *The Salina Levee System*
- *The Kanza Trail in Manhattan, Kansas*
- *The Kanopolis Lake Trails*

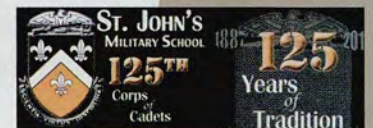
To date, the leaders have run approximately 70 miles, averaging about 10 miles a week.

We are planning on eventually making shirts for the team.

During winter sports we plan to meet on weekends when the weather allows.

We also have a few Cadets who have committed to running during spring semester after the winter sports season."

Darin Bernhardt

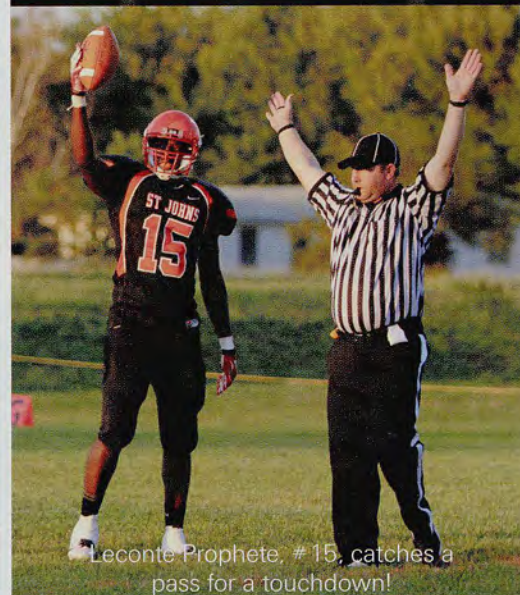


SJMS *was ready for some football!*

Roster

- 2 William Johnson
- 4 Drake Donenfeld
- 6 William Malone
- 7 Connor Dempsey
- 9 Brooklyn McKnight
- 10 Ryan Lynch
- 11 Barry Edouard
- 14 Paul Meyer
- 15 Leconte Prophete
- 20 Jacob Gengler
- 22 Brigham Arnold
- 30 Thomas Elliott
- 34 Jake Whitting
- 51 Zachary Matherne
- 82 James McCaffery
- 90 Luke Whitting
- Blase Whitting - Manager
- Kole Stoltz - Manager
- Cameron Webb - Manager

Luke Whitting, #90, and Brigham Arnold, #22 chest bump after a score!



Leconte Prophete, #15, catches a pass for a touchdown!

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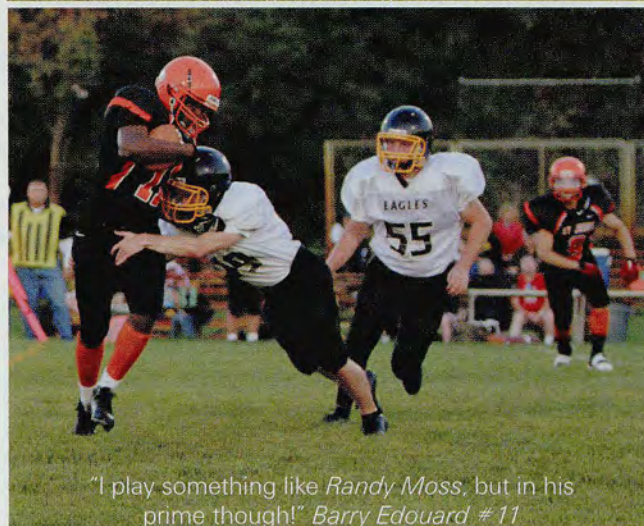


Ryan Lynch, #10, led the team in kicking field goals, PATs, and punts.



Jake Whitting, #34, celebrates his teammates crossing over the goal line.

The football season was long and offered the team plenty of challenges. The mighty Muleskinners managed two big wins on their home turf by utilizing the skills of returning lettermen and taking advantage of the skills of first year Cadets.



"I play something like *Randy Moss*, but in his prime though!" Barry Edouard #11

THE SOCCER TEAM *gave us some thrills!*

Roster

1	Lester Ostertag	K,MF
2	Seth Mayeaux	MF
3	Nathan Pearson	D
5	Cameron Wasserman	MF
7	Eli Harmon	MF
8	Levi Harmon	MF
9	Juan Santiago Vuilleumier	MF
10	Luis Eduardo Garcia	F
11	Andre Popovic	K,D
12	Jose Carlos DaLuz	MF
13	Sergio Cois	D
15	Joey Glavan	D
17	Juan Calero	MF
18	Marcelo Garza Ferrara	MF
19	Austin Searls	D
21	Eduardo Melendrez	F
26	Adam Harrington	MF
X	Erik Cabildo Arias	8th grade
	Dillon Sweet	Manager

Eduardo Melendrez prepares to SCORE!

Marcelo Garza Ferrara fields the ball away from his defender.



Joey Glavan and Nathan Pearson work the ball away from the SJMS goal.



Juan Santiago Vuilleumier blocks another score while Austin Searls stands by to assist! Olé, Olé, Olé, Olé!

The Muleskinner soccer season ended with a 5th place finish in the KCAA tournament in Topeka, Kansas, on October 26, 2012. They defeated Sunrise Academy by a score of 5-2.



Eli Harmon, and Austin Searls, team up for a score!



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On September 9, 2012, Caelon Tautz, Reece Turner, and Blase Whitting helped Salina Central High School by playing the clarion trumpets and riding on one of the floats during their homecoming parade.



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