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OH! The Places They Will Go!..... Class of 2009!



Carlos Ballina



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We hope you are all having an enjoyable summer and having some quality time with your families. The SJMS Parents' Association has been very busy meeting weekly to get ready for the upcoming 2009/2010 school year.

We are very proud to be organizing our biggest project, "Life 101". Our goal is to have a series of four sessions consisting of life's valuable lessons. Our first session is called Alive at 25. It is a nationally recognized program dealing with young adults making responsible decisions about drinking and driving, and the consequences of bad choices. The session will be given by certified members of the Colorado State Patrol. Please take a minute and check out the website at www.aliveat25.us. There will be a nominal fee associated with this class in order to assist the Troopers with their expenses. SJMS Parents' Association members will enjoy a discounted rate. Topics for other sessions will include interviewing, writing a resume, managing finances, establishing lifetime goals, consequences of unwanted pregnancy, STD's, drugs, etc. . .

The SJMS Parents' Association has received many thanks from the 32 juniors receiving the class rings we purchased. Our goal is to duplicate that effort again this year for the juniors of the 123rd Corp. The returning cadet's that achieved the academic requirements to qualify for the pizza party at the end of the 2008/2009 school year will enjoy their party in the fall. In the future, we will be hosting pizza parties for all of the cadets whose families are members of our association. We will look forward to



providing this treat quarterly.

We are planning on supporting all of the activities and benefits we provided for our members last year. In addition, we are working with the local vendors in Salina to provide all Parents' Association members with discounted rates at hotels and restaurants. We have already negotiated the 2009/2010 deal with Papa John's Pizza for our members to receive weekly specials at a savings of about 15%.

The commemorative bricks were embedded along the walkway outside of the Jack Vanier Barracks. They look beautiful and will forever be a reminder of those families that expressed their love and support for their cadets. We are hoping to have the 2009/2010 designated area fully sold out no later than December of 2009. Please be sure to sign up for your SJMS Parents' Association membership so you can



Kevin David, Colleen Wunderlich, Steve Class and Tammy Ashe, founding members of the Parents' Association, launched the membership drive during Parents' Weekend October 9-12, 2008.

participate in this lifetime tribute to your cadet.

As an added incentive for joining the SJMS Parents' Association early, we are going to have a drawing for a \$50 gift card to Chili's Restaurant for families signing up during Leadership Camp and Registration weekends. Membership and brick purchase information will be included in your cadet's registration packet. We will also be accepting membership and brick forms during the Spring Parent's Weekend. If you have any questions prior to these dates, please feel free to call or email Tammy Ashe at (303) 944-2344 or tashe@phillong.com. We look forward to seeing you in the fall. Thank you for your continued support of your cadets through the SJMS Parents' Association.



John Carter

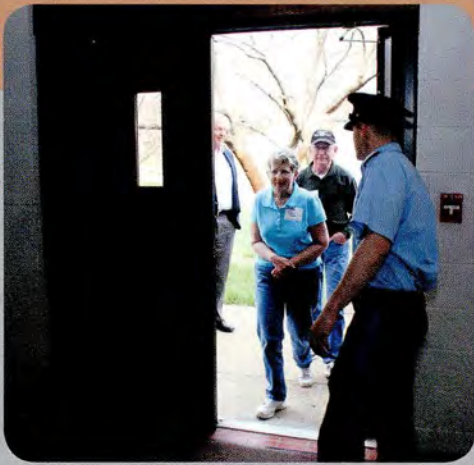


Joseph Casey



Timothy Crawford

OPEN HOUSE



The public was invited to attend an Open House April 16, 2009. Marcia Demuth and Terry Plumberg organized the event which included registration, classroom demonstrations, campus tours hosted by members of the cadet corps, a performance by the Drill Team, commanded by Andre Cardoso and the Browning Drum & Bugle Corps, commanded by Kyle Taylor, followed by a retreat ceremony and tear drop pass-in-review. The event brought many newcomers to the campus and allowed the cadets to do one of the things they do best; represent St. John's as competent and worthy ambassadors of the school. The evening was concluded with a reception in the Alumni room of Linger Hall.



Clockwise: Guests arrive at the front of the Vanier Academic Center; Spencer Gunn greets some guests in the registration area; Ian Sitarik and Gary Stone welcome a guest; D. Dale Browning, SJMS Head Master greets Merrell Nelson, SJMS organist and accompanist; The Drum Line performs in the round room for one of the groups touring campus; "Jack" Vanier, SJMS Benefactor stands by Ken Faerber, SJMS retired Academic Dean as the crowd gathers around the 'grinder' to watch the Drill Team performance.

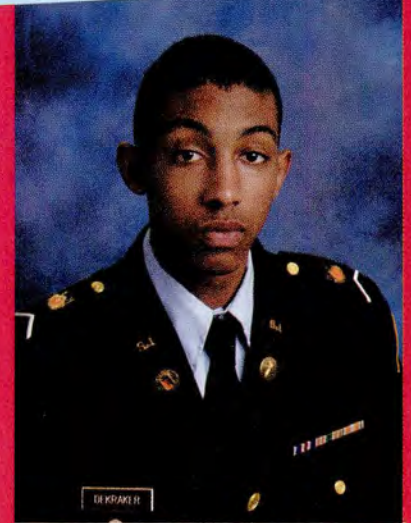
Some will go to college.... Class of 2009!



Steven Crockenberg



Ryan David



Stefan Dekraker

OPEN

HOUSE



Clockwise: Chris Zerger welcomes a visitor to her classroom; Phillip Abernathy demonstrates an experiment in the chemistry lab; "Jack" Vanier, Marcia Demuth and Ginger Wooten visit with John Deters, Industrial Arts Teacher; Ricky Gesino, Luis Garcia and Collin Cooper click their sticks during the drum feature; The battalion staff leads the pass-in-review in front of the reviewing stand; M. Luci Larson, Mayor of Salina, Dr. Rob Winter, Superintendent of Schools, USD 305 and Larry Lysell, SJMS President preside at the podium; Dick Renfro longtime SJMS supporter goes through the buffet line at the reception; Members of the Browning Drum & Bugle Corps - Gary Stone, Sergio Cois, Patrick Harden, Greg Saville, Eduardo Velasco and Joshua Batchelor play a medley of service songs; Andre Cardoso leads Joshua Batchelor, Edgar McBee, Austin Thompson, Joshua Webber, Victor Fontana, Brandon Santana, Timothy Thibault and Steven Juszcyk through the Drill Team performance.



Nicholas Foster



Jonathon Frank



Spencer Gunn

AFI *WHAT A SCORE!*

One Twenty-One...
Second To None; the mantra used for most of the school year by the 121st corps of cadets, changed to; "One Twenty-One Can't Wait to be Done" soon after the corps scored an amazing 998 on their annual formal inspection (AFI) on April 22, 2009.

Those not familiar with what it means to score 998 out of a possible 1000 points during AFI cannot begin to grasp the feeling of accomplishment the cadets experience when the inspection is over and the score is posted on the internet for all to see. Battalion staff members and company commanders breathe a sigh of relief and reflect on the months leading up to the inspection as tough but very worth the effort. Even the newest "New Boy" shares in the celebration knowing that he too is a part of a great tradition at St. John's. For as long as anyone can remember, AFI adds up to the corps pulling together when the stakes are highest. AFI provides the corps a reason to come together in a common cause, a reason to build esprit de corps to a feverish pitch and a reason to celebrate the brotherhood that has been building since the corps was formed back in the early stages of the school year!

One can argue that the corps never looks as good as they do on the day the inspectors arrive on campus. The cadets in leadership positions begin preparing for AFI many weeks prior to the event. MSG Paula Lambert insures all special orders are correctly posted and sent to the various departments in time for the inspection. The ROTC department consisting of 1SG Tony Blair, 1SG Amon Tidmore and Senior Military Advisor MAJ Merle Hoskins spend many additional hours assisting the

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cadets with reports and help the battalion staff prepare for their briefing. The academic department contributes to the cause by giving up crucial classroom time the day before AFI for use in last minute preparations. The commandant and his military staff offer plenty of help with the preparation of the uniforms and the general appearance of the cadet corps. Judy Casstevens and Wanda Radke spend countless hours issuing the ribbons and special uniform items necessary for the in-ranks inspection. The maintenance crew prepares the grounds, the administration meets and greets the inspection team and even cadet parents from near and far keep track of the preparations and wait anxiously for news of the score. AFI is truly a group effort!

St. John's has earned the title of Honor Unit with Distinction for many years by consistently earning the highest score in the brigade. Once again, this year, the cadets were rewarded for their efforts by being authorized to procure and wear the gold star on their Alpha Uniform!

Congratulations,
One Twenty-One!
Truly, Second to None!





◀ **Page 6 Clockwise:** Mitchell Lamb and Zachary Risenhoover as members of the cadet patrol standing at the front gate; Zachary Risenhoover, the garrison flag and the entire corps posted on the tear drop in front of Vanier Hall welcome the inspectors to St. John's; Jonathon Frank, Battalion Commander explains the route for the honor guard review to visiting insepctor Tyrone S. Middleton CIV USA TRADOC as Ryan David, Commander of Troops stands by; Nicholas Saullo waits to guide the inspector's driver to the correct parking spot.



▲ **Page 7 Clockwise:** Patrick Harden, Greg Saville, Eduardo Velasco, Gary Stone, Sergio Cois, Joshua Batchelor, Ricky Gesino, Collin Cooper, James Pena, Justin Ferraro and Duncan Aron play the *Star Spangled Banner*; Ryan Quintana, Alpha Company Commander, Ilya Sheldon, company guide-on bearer and Victor Fonatana on the march; Edgar McBee stands the in-ranks inspection; The 121st Corp on the Final Line during the Pass-in-Review; Inspector Middleton in the 'line of fire' during the Drill Team performance; Omar Balderas, Graeme Slack, Justin Small, Cole Goodell, Nathan McNutt, Aaron Zinke, Dakota Strawn, Yechi Ma, Dylan Vinyard, James Pena and Luke Saunders celebrate after the score is announced!



Notes from Liz!

A man walked into Colonel Keith G. Ducker's office and said he was opening a gas station and convenience store at the Ohio street and I-70 exit and inquired as to whether we had any group at St. John's that he could use for entertainment at the grand opening. Duckers told him about our Crack Squad, known now as the Drill team. (It will always be the "Crack" squad to me as one of the many definitions in the dictionary is "excelling in skill or achievement, superior first rate as crack marksman.") Duckers also said we had a drum and bugle corps.

On a windy afternoon, the drum corps and the Salina mayor were at the airport to welcome some Hollywood personalities. The ceremonies had been moved into the big hanger because of the weather. In came a small aircraft, the corps struck up a welcome and the mayor fumbled the key to the city.

Three Beech Aircraft mechanics, working in the hanger, were startled by such a welcome! Meanwhile the plane with the celebrities was looking around the airport trying to find the welcoming event.

The next day Virginia Grey, an actress from the Betty Grable era, Mary Sue Sommers, a young starlet from Gilligan's Island TV show, and Myron Healy, an actor who played the bad guy in movie Westerns came to have lunch in Nichols Dining Hall with the Cadets. Healy gave a talk on the importance of practicing gun safety even when using blanks and fired off a few rounds right over my head. Soon a young Cadet came up to Duckers, pulled on his sleeve and said that was live ammunition in the gun. He explained that was not possible, you must be careful with blanks to which the young cadet replied "then why did this splinter fall into my cake." Members of the kitchen staff, came out saying a bullet had come into the room and rattled around in one of the big pans.

Someone took the holster and guns from Healy who turned white and said he had been sabotaged when he realized he had discharged real bullets from his gun. He could not recall the last time he had used his guns. We stayed in touch with Healy and visited with him on a visit to California. He never did learn who had changed his blanks for live ammunition. The bullet holes stayed in the ceiling until Nichols Hall was demolished to make way for the Stevens Center.

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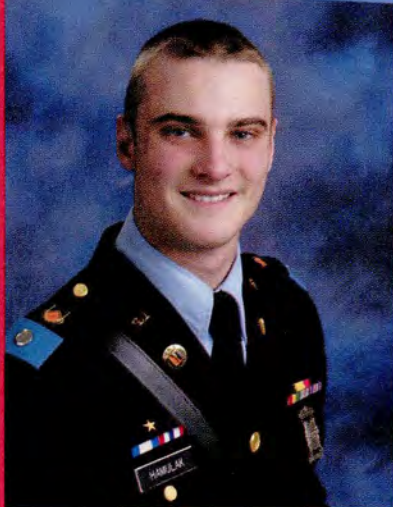
SJMS Forever!

Excerpts from a letter written by an "Old Boy"!

E.B. Putnam, Class of 1922, Fresno, CA wrote: "I entered St. John's about 1920. I was an obnoxious brat, having had too much of everything too soon, and thought that I was something special. It did not take long at St. John's to prove that I was laboring under a misapprehension. Suffice it to say that my various endeavors earned me the dubious distinction of serving more hours extra duty than anyone in the Cadet Corps (267 hours in one semester.) I had to unload two carloads (80 tons) of coal before we could leave school the Christmas of 1921."

"One very interesting episode in St. John's history occurred in 1920. The Shriners made a trip to Portland and Seattle on a special train. While there they were presented with a cub bear which was named ISIS the name of the Salina Shrine Temple. After much trouble with Isis getting away and being a nuisance to care for, COL Ganssle was prevailed upon to accept the cub as a mascot. There were several old chicken houses and old cottonwood trees back of Vail Hall and Isis was quartered in one and chained to a tree. The Cadets would play and wrestle with him. However, about 1921 when Isis was two years old, he weighed about 175 pounds and his claws were about three inches long. He could not understand why the boys didn't want to wrestle anymore. If some stranger walked by unsuspecting, Isis would dash out and clobber him, playfully of course, but it got out of hand. Eventually poor Isis had to go to Topeka to the Zoo in Gage Park, I believe."

Some will travel the world..... Class of 2009!



Jeffrey Hamulak



Wiley Parrish



Preston Pitterman

The final Pass-in-Review signals the end of the year; hats fly into the air and the good-byes start. The destination for a portion of this graduating class will be college, a few will enter the work force and others will begin serving their country. No matter what path the graduating class of 2009 will follow, they will be a "band of brothers" that will draw on each other for support for many years to come.

When asked to express his feelings about leaving St. John's, John Carter, Class of 2009, Flowermound, Texas, explained "St. John's is the best place and the worst place I have ever been. The discipline and schedule are tough to take and sometimes bad things happen; but I would have probably just settled for earning my GED if I didn't come to St. John's. I have made the best friends of my life here and the military advisors and teachers have helped me all along the way."

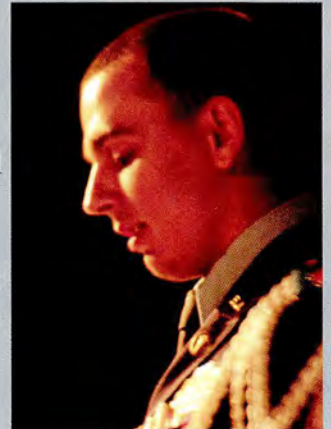
During the farewell speeches given by the Battalion Staff at the President's recognition ceremony on Friday evening of commencement weekend, each member of the battalion staff related the special moments they would remember. From the Battalion Commander to the S5 the common tone was to thank the SJMS faculty and staff for their help and for making a difference in



their lives. During his turn at the microphone, Jacob Wilcox-Haskett asked first year computer teacher, Deb

Feil, to stand and be recognized. He proclaimed her "the best teacher I've ever had" and expressed his thanks for her help and guidance throughout

the school year. CSGM Josemaria Ruiz-Migoya, Mexico City, Mexico, read his prepared speech as a tender testimonial to the years he spent at St. John's. He thanked (among many)



CPT Peter Kent and SGT Johnnie McGee for all the late night talks and George and Janice Stelljes for being his parents away from home and the 121st Corps of Cadets for accepting him as their Command Sergeant Major. His voice while strong and clear reflected a touch of regret for having to leave the place he has grown to love.

Farewell Seniors. Stay in touch!



Josemaria Ruiz Migoya



Nicholas Saullo



Ilya Sheldon

Blue Beret



Enoch Lau



Nuoya Wu



Devon Conway

The Blue Beret is awarded to the top three grade point earners each grading period. Cadets earning Blue Beret honors wear the coveted Blue Beret and receive a movie pass. Cadets earning Blue Beret status are members of the Dean's Honor Roll.

Dean's Honor Roll



Hao Zong
Huang



Baek Je
Lim



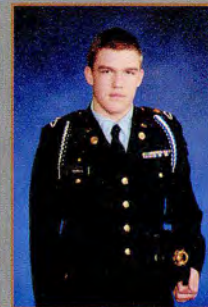
Yechi
Ma



Gary
Stone



Roman
Michka



Gregory
Saville



Guy
Chadwick

To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll a cadet must have a 93.500 or above grade point average. Failures and incompletes disqualifies eligibility.

The fourth quarter Blue Beret, Dean's Honor Roll and Honor Roll cadets are listed in order by GPA!



In Loving Memory

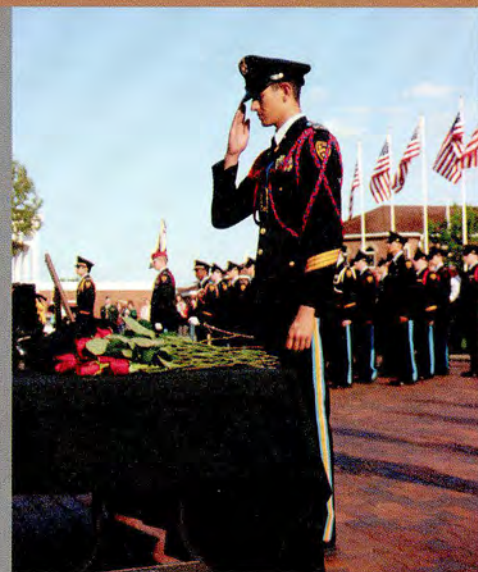
Delia McBee

June 2008

Janice Sheldon

December 2008

Left: Ilya Sheldon remembers his Mom during the Final Roll Call. *Right:* Edgar Mc Bee salutes in honor of his Mother's memory.



Honor Roll



Patrick Harden



Kevin Kees



Joseph Casey



Eduardo
Velasco-Santoscoy



Jeffrey Provenzo



Jason Nguyen



Jonathan Gray



John Sun



Kang Woo Lee



Jeffrey
Hamulak



William
Pickering



Cole Goodell



Tyler Files



Ian Brands



Justin Small



Ian Sitarik



Jacob Nash



Nicholas
Diamond



Jonathon
Frank



Paul Strebeck



Logan Lord



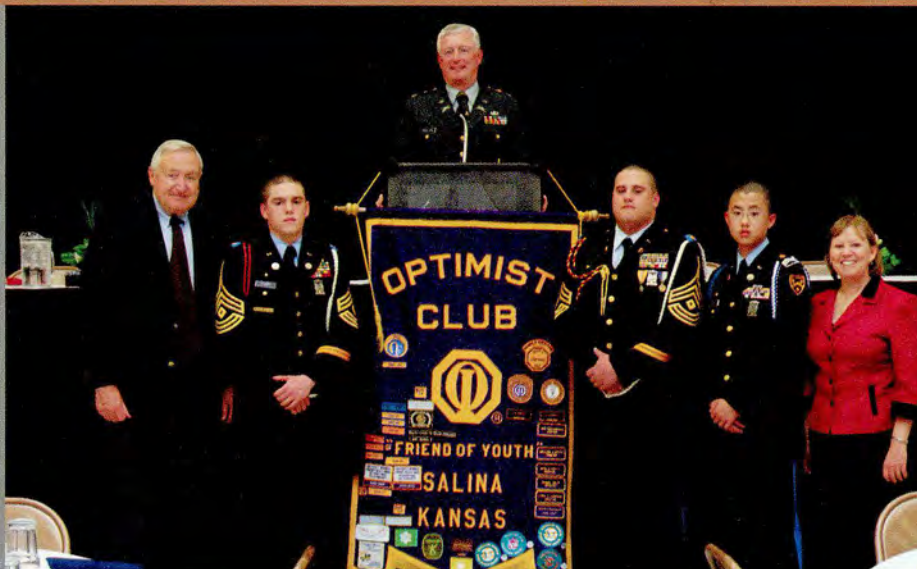
John Carter



Joshua Harroun

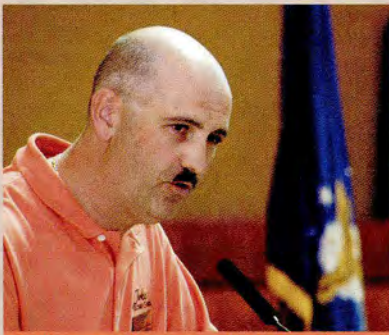
To qualify for the Honor Roll a cadet must have an 88.500 or above grade average.
Failures and incompletes disqualifies eligibility.

Congratulations to all!



D. Dale Browning, Headmaster; Kyle Stuart, MAJ George Stelljes, Commandant of Cadets; Wiley Parrish, Enoch Lau and Mrs. Pam Kraus, Chemistry Teacher attended the Salina Noon Optimist Club's Annual Unsung

Heros Banquet at the Salina Bicentennial Center. Stuart, Parrish and Lua were nominated by SJMS staff members for the honor. The cadets joined students from other area schools in being recognized for going above and beyond in the face of obstacles. The Noon Optimist Club presented each honoree with a check for \$50.



Jefferson Baker speaks to the Corps.

**Jefferson Baker
Class of 1986**

Jefferson was a Second Lieutenant Platoon leader in Alpha Company when he graduated in 1986. He lettered in basketball and track and was instrumental in forming the first cross country team




David's Mother accepting his award!

**David Bruce
Rhoades Class 1987
Posthumously**

David was a member of the SJMS football team, and was named the Most Valuable Player. He also completed the Spartan program. David joined the Marines after graduation, and was then deployed.

During this time he came in contact with dangerous chemicals, and became ill. He wanted to continue the mission in Iraq; however that was not possible, as he passed away on November 8, 2006. David was a very proud Marine, and was so proud to represent his country in the Gulf War. **Advice to the Corps:** *"With faith and courage there is nothing you cannot accomplish. Education and self discipline that you learn at SJMS is carried over to family and service to country."*

 **Alumni
Wall of Fame
Inductees
2009**

Spotlight on Alumni →

Peter Wilcox



CPT Peter Wilcox graduated from St. John's in 2002 as Battalion Commander. He spent the next four years as a cadet at Virginia Military Institute, commissioning as a 2LT on May 16, 2006. He served as a Range Extension Platoon Leader providing communications for the First Sustainment Brigade Special Troops Battalion, Camp Taji, Iraq from September 17, 2007 to December 17, 2009. He next served as Battle Captain at the Area Defense Operations Center, during which time he was promoted to 1LT. Currently he is Assistant S3, stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas where he writes, publishes and tracks operations and fragmentary orders and assists the S3 in numerous mission required tasks. MAJ George Stelljes attended CPT Wilcox's promotion ceremony on June 1, 2009. *Congratulations, Captain!*



Donna Vanier addresses the crowd.

Donna Vanier

Donna Vanier, a quiet friend to St. John's, has always lead with a kind heart, and ready smile. Donna, along with the rest of the Vanier family, is well known for her generous support of SJMS cadets. Donna became officially involved with SJMS as the coordinator between the school staff and Warner Bros. during the filming of "Up the Academy." From that time on, she has worked tirelessly as

a member of the Board of Trustees, helping to spearhead fund raising efforts as Director of Development and as a generous benefactor. Donna annually contributes to the Mule-Skinner Scholarship fund drive at the Brigadier level and is an Honorary Colonel of the school. Donna can often be seen on campus, visiting with key staff members about the state of the school. Consistently inquiring about ways that she can be of help with school projects. Vanier has been instrumental in bringing back receptions for parents and staff during Parents' Weekend activities and gladly donates both the food and drink for each reception. Donna's dedication to St. John's is unmatched among her contemporaries and her presence on campus has been welcome for many, many years. Donna Vanier has served K-State and the Manhattan and Salina communities in a variety of ways. She has been chair of the Salina Regional Health Care Foundation, and was a founder of the Salina Community Foundation. She also has served as treasurer of both Christ Cathedral and the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas. In support of her family's ranching interests, she helped form and served as the third president of the American Hereford Association Auxiliary. She currently serves on the Rolling Hills Wildlife Museum board in Salina. Donna and her husband Jack have together met life's challenges with spirited determination. As the saying goes, "behind every successful man, is a successful woman." This adage has never been truer than the example set by Jack and Donna.



MAJ Richards speaks.

MAJ Mark Richards Class 1993

Mark graduated in 1993, as a member of the 105th Corps of Cadets and was the Battalion Executive Officer his senior year. He was involved in nearly every extracurricular activity SJMS offered. His most significant award is the Gordon Prize. Mark graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in Business Management.

Upon graduation he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant through the Army ROTC program. Mark was selected to the Army's Aviation branch and was trained to fly the UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter. He was deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. His decorations include Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, three Air Medals and the Combat Action Badge. He is jump master qualified, attended Pathfinder School, SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape) school, and is a senior rated Aviator. He received his Masters degree in Social Organization Psychology from Columbia and is currently an advisor and coach (TAC) Officer to the cadets at West Point. **Advice to Corps:** *"Your reputations, like your word, is something that has a lasting effect and will open doors or close them based on what others think of you. If you were to die tomorrow, what would people say ... and what would you want them to say?"*

→ George Norton



"Old Boy" and former Mule-Skinner Rifle Team Captain, George Norton, Class of 2002, returned to Kansas to speak at the Kansas State Rifle Association (KSRA) Annual meeting held in Topeka, Kansas on June 7, 2009. He was asked to speak after winning the National Championship in Three Position Small-bore Rifle shooting last year at Camp Perry Ohio. He accomplished this as a member of the Army Marksmanship Unit he has been a part of for the last five years. This was his first trip back to Kansas in five years! The first thing he wanted to do was tour the campus. Paula Lambert and 1SGT Blair gave him a tour, which made him want to be a cadet again. Norton was totally amazed by the new barracks and all of the other changes that have taken place since his departure. In his words the campus "is totally awesome!" During the meeting KSRA Sunday morning, 1SGT Tony Blair gave a short tribute to George at which time he came forward to receive the KSRA's Outstanding Person in Shooting Sports Award. Afterward he gave a speech to the KSRA membership that would make everyone at St. John's proud. Norton flew back to Ft. Benning the next day in preparation for the USA Shooting Nationals. He recently returned from a trip to Milan, Italy, Munich, Germany, Changwon, South Korea, and Beijing, China as a member of the US World Cup Traveling team. In July of 2009 he will defend his title at the National Championship at Camp Perry.



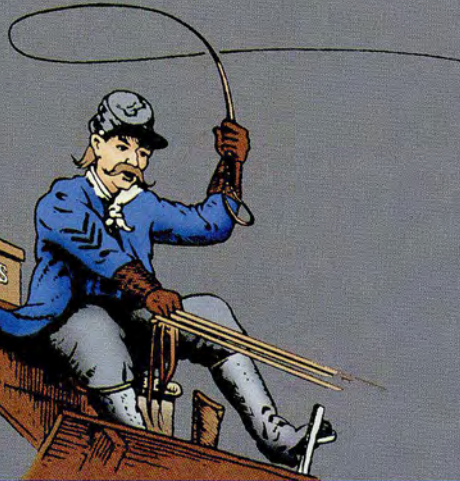
D. Dale Browning, Headmaster, introduces his friend before the presentation.



Jack Vanier admires his new sweater!

Once upon a time, a long time ago, a young boy named Jack Vanier attended St. John's Military School. He was very involved in athletics, and excelled in several sports. He was eligible to wear a letter sweater because of his many contributions to the sports program at St. John's. The United States was at war at the time and all the orange dye was being deferred for use in wartime activities. There was no dye left to provide the sweater company enough orange dye to make a St. John's sweater in the school's colors of orange and black. Young Vanier, grew into a man, continued the Vanier families' association with St. John's and he along with his wife, Donna Vanier, went on to become two of the most important benefactors in the history of the school. All this time, he lived perfectly content, without a letter sweater.

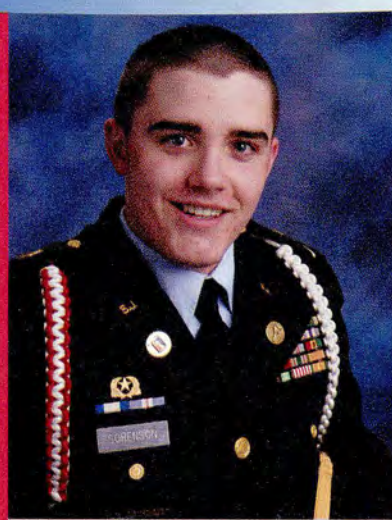
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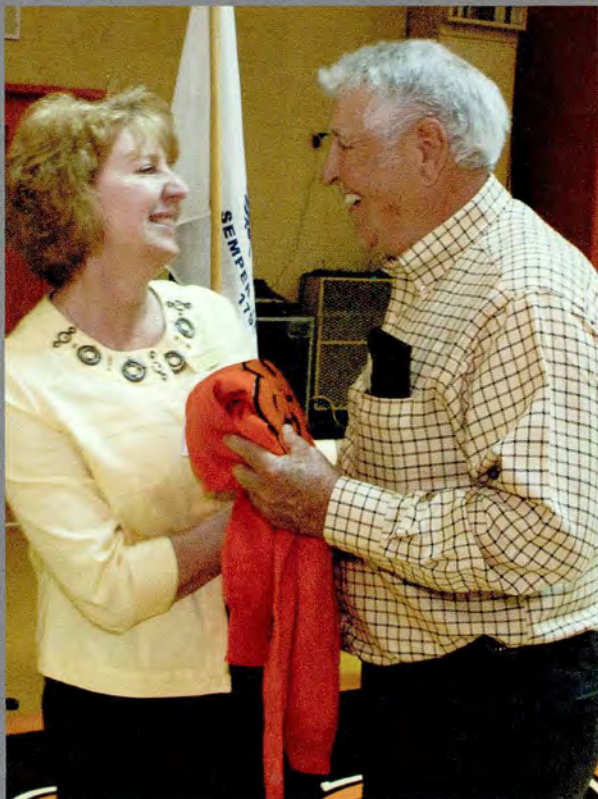
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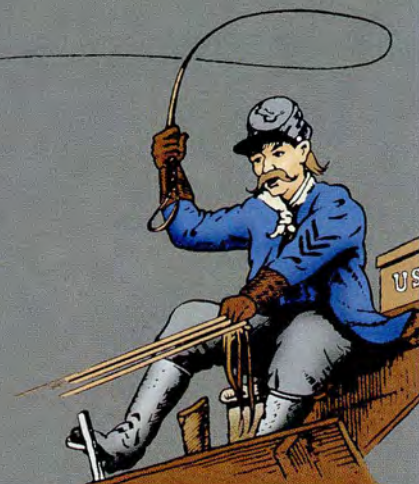
Terry Plumberg, Alumni Coordinator, congratulates Jack after he receives his sweater.



Donna Vanier, Jack's wife takes a closer look at the sweater.

Jump to the 21st century; Terry Plumberg, SJMS Director of Alumni, decided to order a sweater specially made to match the kind of sweater

that Vanier would have had been given after his sports accomplishments at St. John's. It was decided that the sweater should be presented to Jack during commencement weekend. He is a practical man and takes life as it comes without becoming too concerned about little details. His personal style can best be described as casual but he is passionate about supporting the causes nearest and dearest to his heart. Vanier seemed genuinely touched when D. Dale Browning spoke about him prior to the presentation of the sweater!



Kyle Taylor



Austin Thompson



Joshua Webber



Commencement



We Wish You The Best of Everything.....Class of 2009!



Jacob Wilcox-Haskett

Clockwise page 16: Kathy Faulkner, D. Dale Browning's niece raises Wanda Faulkner's Flag, Dale Browning's beloved sister) on Friday morning during the Flag Raising Ceremony; Brenda Mc Coy is joined by her family after the Final Roll Call ceremony. Brenda's Father was remembered in the roll call; The Rev'd Canon James R. Cox, SSC Chaplain Emeritus holds the prayer book as The Rt. Rev. James M. Adams, Jr. reads from the dedication program; Larry Lysell, President and D. Dale Browning, Headmaster stand together during the dedication of the Browning Parade Field; Lillian Faerber, longtime SJMS Quartermaster, sings *The Lord's Prayer* during the dedication; Omar Balderas is escorted by his Mother during the Junior Ring Ceremony. *Clockwise page 17:* The Senior Class of 2009 celebrates the Senior eucharist. D. Dale Browning, Elizabeth Duckers, and Larry Lysell lead the Freedom Tree Processional. Joseph Casey and Kip Crockenberg pay their respects to the Freedom Tree. The cadets line up in preparation for the Parade of Flags during the Graduation Ceremony. David Dumler, Class of 1984, member of the Board of Trustees, reads the script for the handle ceremony. Darren Johnson, Battalion Commander, Class of 1991, passes the Vail Hall Handle to Mark Richards, Battalion XO of the 105th Corps, Class of 1993. MAJ George Stelljes pins MAJ rank on the 2009-2010 Battalion commander, Kyle Stuart; *Bottom of page 17:* The Class of 2009 celebrates receiving their diplomas; Wiley Parrish hugs a member of his family following the dismissal of the 121st Corps of Cadets Forever on the Browning Parade Field.



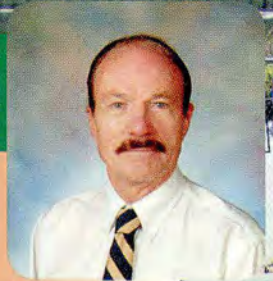
Weekend



Spring



Tennis



Clockwise: Enoch Lau, Baek Je Lim, Carlos Leahy and Nicholas Foster play in a tournament at Oakdale Park in Salina, Kansas. Tennis Coach Gerald Martin transported the team to both the daily practices and the many matches played throughout the season.

RIFLE



North Central Kansas Gallery League Match Results

Dec 04	Delphos	Win
Jan 08	Abilene	Win
Jan 15	Wichita	Win
Jan 22	Manhattan	Loss
Jan 29	Delphos	Win
Feb 05	Abilene	Win
Feb 12	Wichita	Loss
Feb 26	Manhattan	Win
Total	6 Wins – 2 Losses	2nd Place in the League



From left: Austin Strecker, Spencer Gunn, Coach 1SGT Tony Blair, Jonathon Frank and Jacob Wilcox-Haskett

Rifle Team Results for the 2008-2009 Season

Date	Event	Results
3-5 Oct 08	KSRA Intermediate Junior Camp	Match Winner – Jonathon Frank 2nd Place & 2st Place Team– Austin Strecker 4rd Place & Team Match Winner– Devon Williams

Sports



Golf



Clockwise: Dakota Strawn, Justin Small, Omar Balderas, Jeffrey Hamulak and Coach Mark Ramsey enjoyed a cool spring on the links during the golf season. Ramsey's easy going coaching style allowed the cadets to improve their game while having a blast on the course!

TEAM



Date	Event	Results
Dec 10	Leavenworth at St Johns	3rd Place Ind. – Austin Strecker
Jan 17	Smallbore Junior Olympic Qualifier	1st Place Male – Jonathon Frank 2nd Place Male – Austin Strecker 1st Place J1 – Jacob Haskett
Feb 10	NRA National JROTC Air Rifle Match	3rd Place Senior – Jonathon Frank
Feb 14-15	NRA Junior and Open Sectionals	JR. Sectional Champion – Jonathon Frank 2nd Place Overall Junior – Jacob Haskett 1st Place Junior Category – Spencer Gunn 3rd Place Overall Open – Coach Blair
Feb 24	St Johns at Leavenworth	2nd Place Ind. – Jonathon Frank
Mar 7-8	Kansas State Indoor Prone Champ.	Junior State Champion – Jonathon Frank 2nd Place Junior – Spencer Gunn 3rd Place Junior – Jacob Haskett 2nd Place Sharpshooter – Coach Blair
Mar 28-30	Kansas State Indoor 3-pos Champ.	Junior State Champion – Jonathon Frank 1st Place Junior – Jacob Haskett 2nd Place Junior – Spencer Gunn 1st Place Junior Team – Haskett/Gunn
Apr 23	End of Year League Awards	Sharpshooter Champion – Coach Blair High Junior Shooter – Jonathon Frank 3rd Place Junior – Jacob Haskett Overall Individual Champion – Coach Blair

Congratulations!

2009/2010 School Calendar

August

August 3 Military Advisors Return
 August 7 Muleskinner Golf Tournament and Banquet
 August 11-14 Military In Service
 August 16-29 Leadership/Sports Camp
 August 26 New Staff and Faculty Orientation
 August 27-28 All Teacher In-Service
 August 30 New Boy and Old Boy Registration
 August 31 Forming and Blessing of the Corps
 August 31 Begin First Quarter

October

October 8-11 Parents' Weekend/New Boy Graduation
 October 23 End of First Quarter
 October 24 ACT Test Date
 October 26 Begin Second Quarter
 October 30 Corps Halloween Celebration

November

November 7 SAT Test Date
 November 11 Veterans Day
 November 20 Last day of classes
 Nov. 21-29 Thanksgiving Furlough Begins at 5:00 a.m.
 November 29 Thanksgiving Furlough Ends – Travel Day

December

December 13 Christmas Dinner for the Corps
 December 14 End of Second Quarter
 December 15-17 First Semester Exams
 December 17 Last day of classes
 December 18 Christmas Furlough Begins at 5:00 a.m.

January

January 3 Christmas Break Ends – Travel Day
 January 4 New Boy Registration
 January 4 Begin Third Quarter
 January 23 SAT Test Date

February

February 6 ACT Test Date
 February 11-14 Parents' Weekend/New Boy
 February 17 Ash Wednesday

March

March 11 End of Third Quarter
 March 11 Last day of classes before
 March 12-21 Spring Furlough begins at
 March 21 Spring Furlough Ends – Tr
 March 22 Begin Fourth Quarter
 March 28 Palm Sunday

April

April 1 Maundy Thursday
 April 2 Good Friday
 April 4 Easter

May

May 3 End of 4th Quarter
 May 4-6 2nd Semester Exams
 May 6-8 Commencement Weekend
 May 8 Commencement



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