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Paul H. Kellogg
tournament

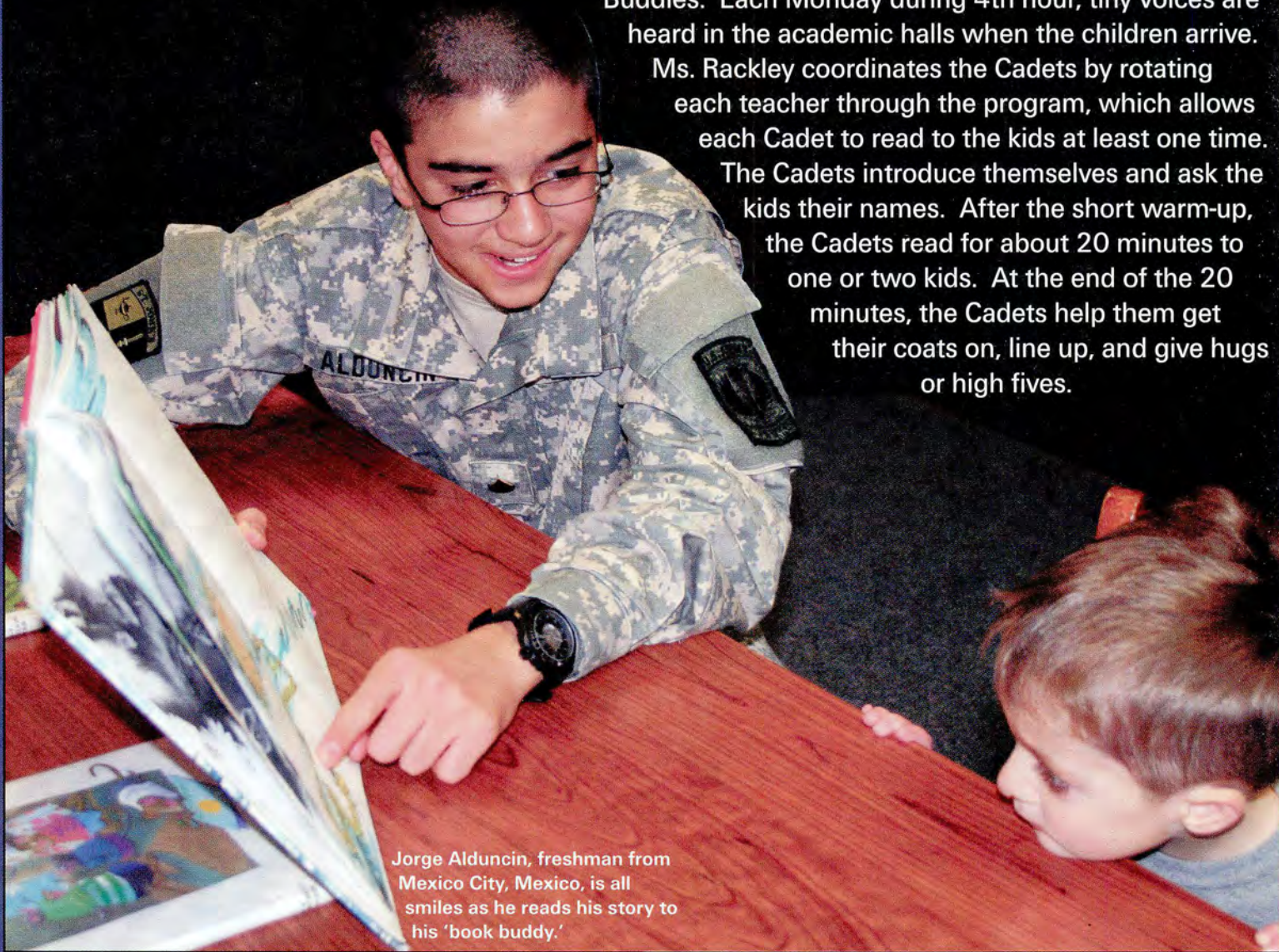
“CHAMPIONS”





Book Buddies

The idea for Book Buddies began in December of 2011 when Katy England organized a cupcake decorating event with the children from the Martin Luther King Jr. Child Care Center. After seeing the positive interaction between the Cadets and the kids, Katy orchestrated the idea of Book Buddies. Each Monday during 4th hour, tiny voices are heard in the academic halls when the children arrive. Ms. Rackley coordinates the Cadets by rotating each teacher through the program, which allows each Cadet to read to the kids at least one time. The Cadets introduce themselves and ask the kids their names. After the short warm-up, the Cadets read for about 20 minutes to one or two kids. At the end of the 20 minutes, the Cadets help them get their coats on, line up, and give hugs or high fives.



Jorge Alduncin, freshman from Mexico City, Mexico, is all smiles as he reads his story to his 'book buddy.'



Juan Abraham, senior from Zacapu, Mexico, takes a moment to listen to what the children have to say.



Jacob Astle, sophomore from Wichita, Kansas, lets the children get a good look at the beautiful illustrations in the book he is reading.



Jonah Comeaux, sophomore from Castle Rock, Colorado, has a very interested young reader at his side.



Weldon Dudding, sophomore from Black Forest, Colorado, explains the main idea as a young girl looks over his shoulder.

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MacArthur Award



Jason Czerwinski, senior from San Tan Valley, Arizona, son of Candice and Peter Czerwinski, was awarded the prestigious General Douglas A. MacArthur Award during Parents' Weekend February of 2012. Each year the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation presents the MacArthur Cadet Awards in recognition of the outstanding cadets of the Association of Military Colleges and Schools. The award is designed to encourage the students to emulate

and practice the leadership qualities exemplified by General MacArthur while he was a cadet at the West Texas Military Institute and the United States Military Academy.

Czerwinski is serving as the Battalion Commander of the 124th Corps of Cadets. He was a member of the football team, the National Honor Society, and Advanced Military Skills. Czerwinski plans to attend University of Arizona and pursue a degree in the liberal arts. Upon winning this award, Czerwinski explained " I am honored to have been given this award because it pays tribute to all the hard work and good character I try to exemplify daily."

spotlight on sjmspa

St. John's Military School Parents' Association

News from the SJMSPA



It's been a busy year for the cadets, faculty, staff, and SJMS Parents Association (SJMSPA) board members. The SJMSPA sponsored Career Day for the 9th through 12th grade cadets on Wednesday morning, February 15. Adults who work in a variety of professions discussed their jobs with the cadets. The occupations represented were Financial Advisor,

Aeronautical Engineer, Attorney, P.E. Teacher, Architectural Engineer, Chiropractor, U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, Veterinarian, Computer Programmer, Carpenter, Pastry Chef, and Opera Singer. The adults also discussed what education and experience it takes to obtain a job in their field. Kansas State-Salina's associate dean of students discussed what it takes to get a degree. Several cadets said Career Day was a good experience and it helped them think about their future.

We hope you enjoyed Winter Parents Weekend. We received lots of positive feedback about our motivational speaker, Ron "Gus" Gustafson, who was the speaker at the SJMSPA Luncheon. Raised on a farm in Nebraska, Gus was a standout high school basketball player in spite of losing his right arm and shoulder in a tragic childhood farm accident. After a knee injury ended his collegiate basketball career, he was devastated. His faith and courage sustained him, and he redirected his energies towards creating an exceptionally successful life. He was truly an inspiration to the cadets and the parent members.

"Life 101" Series is a Big Hit. The second class in the "Life 101" series was again a huge success. The class, entitled "Consequences," examined the various ramifications of teens breaking the law and covered such topics as fake IDs, driving while under the influence, minor in possession, theft, etc. The 36 Cadets who attended learned a lot about the impact of making poor choices. "Life after SJMS," the final class for the school year will be held Saturday, April 28. This class examines the link between education and income potential. It teaches the cadets budgeting skills and how to make good life decisions after leaving SJMS. In this interactive session, the boys will learn the value of saving for retirement, the importance of maintaining good credit, and many other topics. It is always

entertaining to see the cadets as they are introduced to the reality of paying taxes! These classes are offered to all cadets, but will be offered first and at a discounted rate to cadets whose parents are SJMSPA members. "Life after SJMS" is \$25 for SJMSPA member Cadets and \$50 for non-member Cadets. All parents should have received an email to register their son for this class. If not, please contact Sara Cline at businesswriter@msn.com.

Order a Cadet's SJMS Memory Box Today! The SJMSPA is offering a unique keepsake to cadets and their families. A SJMS Memory Box is a wonderful way to commemorate your cadet's journey and honor his hard work while at St. John's. These memory boxes are beautifully handcrafted and include the brass uniform items every cadet is issued upon joining the ranks at St. John's. The Brass Cap Crest, the Torch brass, the S.J., the "Old Boy" shield, and the Alpha jacket arm patch are mounted inside the memory box. In addition, pewter accent pieces, quotes, and other personalized details are included to enhance the exceptional quality of these fine keepsakes. Pre-ordered memory boxes will be delivered to the school during Commencement Weekend so make sure to place your order by April 20. The memory boxes are an impressive 12" x 16" and are offered to families of SJMS for \$150. The memory box purchase will help support the SJMSPA. To place your order, please contact Janna Harris at 720-217-1174 or jannaharris@live.com.

The final activities for the school year will happen during Commencement Weekend. On Thursday night, we are sponsoring an After Prom for all junior and senior cadets and their dates. After Prom will be on campus from 11 p.m. to midnight. Cadets must attend prom to be able to attend After Prom. We could use some help in planning and supervising the event. If you would like to help, please contact Sara Cline at businesswriter@msn.com.

During the President's Reception on Friday night, we will present class rings to the juniors whose parents are Lifetime Members of the Parents Association. The next Parents' Association newsletter will be coming out in August 2012. It will provide information about the benefits of SJMSPA membership and the many activities sponsored.

If you are not a member of the SJMSPA and would like to join, please contact Sara Cline, First Vice-President, at businesswriter@msn.com or 402-350-8872.

Scholastic Art Awards

This year St. John's entered 13 outstanding works in the Scholastic Art Awards program. The entries included: ceramics, print making, painting, mixed media, photography, and video.

Two SJMS Cadets were accepted into the regional exhibition. Eli Harmon's artwork, *Positive and Negative Space*, earned an Honorable Mention. Merit Davey's video production, *Peanut Butter Cup Salvation*, earned a prestigious Gold Key award, which is the highest award at the regional level. Earning the Gold Key Award qualifies Davey for national competition. Only two other Cadets in the past 16 years have earned a Gold Key Award.

Eli Harmon, sophomore from Flagstaff, Arizona is the son of Donna and Edward Harmon. Merit Davey, sophomore from Charleston, South Carolina, is the son of Mary Beth and Justin Davey.

Congratulations on this fine accomplishment!

Scott Wiedeman, and Justin Sperry



Other Cadets who entered works for the competition include: Jacob Gengler, Christian Marquez, Levi Harmon, Bryan Ingram, Jared Bressman, Quinton Brunn, and Nicholas Holmgren.



2nd Quarter

Blue Beret



James McCaffrey Merit Davey Eli Harmon

The Blue Beret is worn by the Cadets earning the highest GPA in the Corps!
The Cadets are listed in order of their grade point average.

Dean's Honor Roll



Adam Walther Jacob Astle Bryan Ingram Caelon Tautz Nicholas Migliarese John Haen Arman Singh Levi Gottspomer William Abikzer Levi Harmon Quenton Schur Elliott Murray

Honor Roll



Jorge Alduncin Ian Rush Bryan Elm Chu Wang Gregory Saville Noah Lightner Joshua Batchelor Matthew Giachetto Brandon Becker Sergio Cois David Loera Craig Roukema Alexander Gorring Timothy Pilcher



Christopher O'Neil Daniel Moffenbier Thomas Dalsaso Aaron Poulin Jack Busacker Shan Patel Erik Olsen Chase Rose Jonah Comeaux Wei Feng Derek Ebert Jaime De La Paz Luis Liberos Alberto Elias

Blue Beret



Eli Harmon Rory Reshovsky Merit Davey

3rd Quarter

Dean's Honor Roll



Levi Harmon Paul Meyer Jacob Astle George Gorinac Adam Walther Gregory Saville Nicholas Migliarese John Haen Levi Gottspomer



James McCaffrey Joshua Batchelor Noah Lightner Arman Singh Stefan Roberts Jaime De La Paz

Honor Roll



Caelon Tautz Matthew Giachetto Jacob Ellis David Loera Ian Rush Chase Rose Sergio Cois Bretton Hibler Timothy Pilcher Chris O'Neil Wei Feng Will iam Abikzer Gideon Stelmack Connor Flemming



Jeremy Bashan Quenton Schur Alexander Sigmon Eric Robbins Luke Whitting Calvin Chin Bryan Ingram Jorge Alduncin Richard Reynolds Jack Busacker Brandon Becker Howard Hellwig Craig Roukema

Blue Beret



Christopher Kessler Nicholas Vetter Perry Yam

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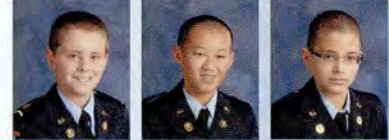
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Greg Saville

senior from Wichita, Kansas, son of Brad and Tiffany Saville earns a spot in.... **District and State Band**

“Several times during my tenure at St. John’s I have seen a young man in the “New Boy” ranks that I hope plays a musical instrument. The minute I spotted Greg Saville, four years ago, I knew he was a musician. It’s funny how easy it is to spot someone that has studied music. That person carries themselves differently. I suppose it has something to do with the fact that the study of music encourages team work, self-reliance and builds self-esteem. Through hard work and determination Saville has accomplished much in music and has been a wonderful ambassador for St.



Top: District Band in concert. Above left: Greg and good friend, Lauren Sokolosky, after the state band concert at Century II. Middle: Saville in his Alpha uniform about to warm up for the state concert. Right: Taking a break during the district band warm-up prior to the concert.

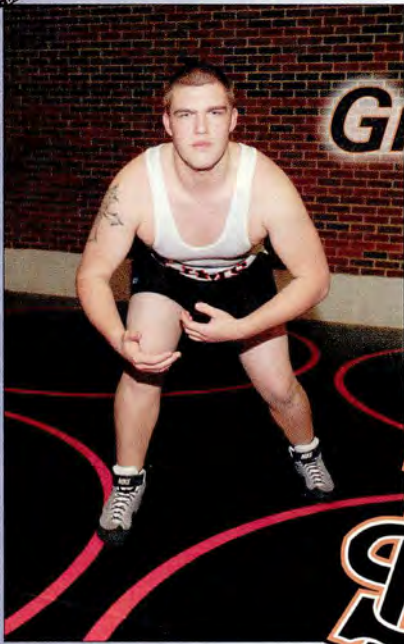
John’s. His tuba playing skills allowed him to land a spot in district band. As a result of making district band, he was given the opportunity to audition for state band. His successful state audition earned him a spot in the 1234A State Band. This band met, rehearsed, and performed as a part of the Kansas Music Educators Convention. Saville is

graduating this year and will continue his studies at Friends University, on both music and athletic scholarships. His time at St. John’s has been a blessing to me, because of his musical talent and his wonderful spirit. *The best of Luck, and thanks for the music!*

Mrs. Stein



Wrestling



Senior,
Greg Saville
had a great season.
Congratulations!



TEAM STATS

Ian Rush 8-20
 Brooklyn McKnight 7-14
 David Schmaus 1-20
 Andrew Klaas 10-12
 Greg Saville 11-5

MEETS

December 3	Lincoln	Away
December 6	Herrington	Away
December 13	Beloit	Away
January 13	Halstead	Away
January 14	Halstead	Away
January 21	Rawlins County	Away
January 28	Oswatomie	Away
February 9	Lincoln	Away



front row: managers, Cole Bircher, Jacob Gengler, Quinton Brunn, and James McCaffrey. *second row:* Coach Sean Groves, Ian Rush, Greg Saville, David Schmaus, William Malone, Brooklyn McKnight, Coach Mark Giles and Coach Hector Serna. (not pictured Andrew Klaas)

"We faced some hard times at the beginning of the season, but we came together as a team supporting one another through both wins and losses. We finished the season very well, placing at the Lincoln Round Robin.

Ian Rush and Greg Saville qualified for regionals and were able to represent St. John's as a

program with growing potential.

To the seniors on the team, I wish you luck and success in all you pursue. To my non-seniors, I think this is a stepping stone for the next season and challenges. I look forward to next year."

Coach Hector Serna

Basketball Warriors!

Take the tournament trophy!

"The Paul H. Kellogg tournament started in the winter of 2000 after COL Kellogg passed away. St. John's hosts the tournament and has played for the championship four times. This year, we won! We outplayed the other teams by an average of 26 points per game. Oliver Prophete, Barry Edouard, Anthony Edwards, and Shan Patel were chosen for the all tournament team.

Having no returning players from last year's roster, we had to learn to play together as a unit and get to know each other's strengths and weaknesses. As a coach, I had never experienced this situation. We started the year off slow and gradually built a team focused on teamwork.

I knew this group of guys had the desire to win, but their egos were getting in the way of meshing as a team. We lost our first game in overtime by one point, and I knew at that time the team had a lot of potential.

We went into sub state season with a number five seeding. We had to travel to TMP (Thomas More Prep) in Hays, Kansas. We played a tough game and ended up loosing the first game of the state playoffs to close out our season with 12 wins and 9 losses.

We had a great bunch of guys, and I will have four starters returning for next year! Thanks to everyone for your support throughout the year and a special thanks to my assistant coaches Brady Srna, and Taylor Jayne."

Roy Lawrence, Head Basketball Coach



Above: Coach Lawrence lays out a play while the team catches their breathe during a time out!



front row: Manager Gian Falossi, Gideon Stelmack, Jakob Goodwin, Shan Patel, Ryan Lynch, Roland Arnold, manager Second row: Assistant Coach Brady Srna, Anthony Edwards, Leconte Prophete, Ben Williams, Brandon Mudd, Barry Edouard, Jase Lacy, Edgar Vergara, Head Coach Roy Lawrence, and Assistant Coach Taylor Jayne.

Top: Shan Patel doused Coach Lawrence with two cups of gatorade following the Muleskinner victory!

ALL-AREA TEAM SELECTIONS



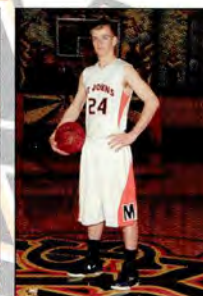
PROPHETE



EDOUARD



EDWARDS



WILLIAMS

Leconte Prophete was chosen for second in scoring and in the top ten for rebounding and assists.

Barry Edouard was recognized for scoring and assists.

Anthony Edwards made the team for scoring and three point shots.

Ben Williams was chosen on the basis of his rebound efforts.



Together again!

Top to bottom: **Jeremy Bashan**, with his Mom Michele and sister Kelly. **Duncan Farrell** is surrounded by his parents Jim and Kris. **Brandon Wright** is joined by his Dad Doug and sister Briana. **Ian Rush** stands with his Mom Shannon and Dad Ken. **Jonah Comeaux** with his Mom, Olga and his younger brother, Sebastian.



Tyler Schneider presents arms at the end of the drill team presentation. Oluwatimi Osunkoya becomes a "Old Boy" with his parents at his side.

Parents' Weekend





The SJMS jazz combo played a few tunes for the parents in the round room. *Top to Bottom:* Ginger Wooten joined Stefan Roberts in the sax section. Ben Williams layed down the rhythm. Wendy Stein joined Joshua Batchelor, Caelon Tautz, and Brian Cerato in the trumpet section. Dillon Sweet, Sergio Cois, Calvin Chin, Darius Bridgeman, and Greg Saville added the low brass.

Top to bottom: Agustin Castillo, sings the *Star Spangled Banner*, assisted by Merrell Nelson. "Bud" De Lisle, Wendy Stein's father, joins president England on the podium for the Pass-in-Review. The Color guard carries the colors. The Battalion staff renders honors to the reviewing stand.



Weightlifting

"Progression little by little is the means through which goodness can become greatness and smart people can do the work of geniuses. If one can surpass a challenge of the body, surely challenges of life can also be planned for and overcome."

Quoted from MyMuscles.com

"MEATHEADS"

"In 2010, I was approached by a group of senior cadets that wanted to form a weight lifting club. The Cadets proposed that members of the club would meet every day after school from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Each would be required to follow a lifting program overseen by myself. President, Andy England and Commandant, George Stelljes approved the plan; and we were given a green light to start the "Meatheads."

At first, I was a little skeptical about how many cadets would join; but before I knew it, the club roster was filling up. By the end of the second

semester, we had 22 cadets participating on a regular basis.

At the start of the 2011-2012 school year, many Cadets requested to join the club. My schedule did not permit me to dedicate enough hours to adequately run the program by myself. We decided to turn much of the responsibility over to the senior cadets who participated last year. They took over the daily duties of cleaning the equipment, laundering the towels, tracking the progress of the members, ordering workout clothing, and overseeing good conduct in the gyms. These cadets have stepped up to the plate and have done a better job than I believe I ever could have. Thanks to their enthusiasm, we now have 28 cadets on the roster that participate regularly in the club. I am only looking for that number to grow by the end of the year. I hope that many of the cadets will return next

year with the same fire as these past years, so that we can compete in some of the lifting competitions held throughout the state of Kansas. I have the utmost confidence that with their abilities they will do well at these events.

I am very proud of the cadets who have made this club a success over the past two years. Their dedication to this sport is not only an inspiration to the other cadets on campus, but also serves as an inspiration to me. I am honored to be part of the 'Meatheads' club."

*CPT. Stephen Young,
SJMS Military Advisor*



from left: Jaime De La Paz, Francisco Puente, Elias Gonzalez, Juan Abraham-Aroyo, Scott Timpe, David Loera-Urbe, Jordan Poelma, Stephen Young, John Watkins, Jeffrey Sapp, Merit Davey, Craig Roukema, and Connor Dempsey.

Rifle Team



front row: Alberto Elias-Romero, Juan Abraham-Aroyo, Coach Tony Blair, John Haen, and Luke Whitting. back row: Alexander Hamm, Joshua Batchelor and Hunter Nicodemus.



"St. John's Military School has been state champion in the junior and adult division for the past three years."

Coach Tony Blair



"The first league match we struggled. As the season progressed, the inexperienced shooters gained confidence and their scores gradually improved. The two and three year letterman on the team started to perform as expected and the SJMS rifle team season was back on track. In the end, we tied for second in the league with a five and three record. Manhattan won the league championship with a six and two record. Individually in the league, Josh Batchelor, Juan Abraham, and Hunter Nicodemus took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the Junior Category. Alexander Hamm and John Haen took 2nd and 3rd in the Intermediate Junior Category. Hunter Nicodemus was the most improved shooter for the second year in a row improving his average by 23 points from last year.

In tournament play, we competed stronger. Many medals were won by several of our shooters, and every member of the team won at least once. We finish the season each year by hosting two Kansas State Championships. The last couple of years, we have really shined; and this year was no exception. Team Captain Josh Batchelor, blew away his competition to win the Junior State Prone Championship and turned around the next weekend to be crowned the Kansas State Junior Position Champion. In the open adult class, my score made me the league's overall individual champion. Seniors, Joshua Batchelor, Hunter Nicodemus and Juan Abraham helped keep St. John's on the map and ended their high school shooting



careers on a high note. The younger members of the team are bound to become stronger and improve their scores next season. I was proud to be associated with this group of Cadets and look forward to another great season next year."

Coach Tony Blair the Skirmisher 13



Commencement Weekend 2012



Commencement Speaker

Cadet Captain Robert "Steve" Erb, attended St. John's continuously from the time he was in the fourth grade until he graduated with the 76th Corps of Cadets as Battalion Commander.



In the fall of 1955, Steve was enrolled as a fourth grader in St. John's Military School. He continued his education at St. John's through graduation in May 1964. His tenure of nine years at St. John's has been unmatched since then.

that I was nine going on ten years old when I entered St. John's, the separation from my family was difficult. However, each year the period of adjustment grew shorter as I reconnected with friends, faculty, and staff of the school."



Did your time at St. John's help prepare you for your time in the service?

"Yes and no. The fact that I had been at a military school helped in that I had a leg up on most high school graduates when I entered the Naval Academy. The learning curve was not as steep as it could have been. The fact that St. John's, while strongly militarily oriented, was an excellent academic organization meant that there was still a lot to learn."

What part of your career was most rewarding?

"Every part of my career was rewarding. No where else do you have the opportunity to pursue a new job every three years, each of them different and challenging in its own way."

What message do you hope to give to the graduating seniors?

"The biggest challenge is to pick a message that they might remember! I believe that I will be able to do that."

Erb answers some questions about his time at St. John's.

What lessons did you learn at St. John's that have served you well in life?

"Accountability and Responsibility. We were taught from day one that we had certain responsibilities to ourselves and to the Corps. If we failed to meet our responsibilities, we were held accountable. There was a reason that the bull rings (Upper and Junior schools) had well worn paths."

What was the most difficult part of your time while a Cadet at St. John's?

"My first three years were the most difficult. It took me that long to adjust to the idea that I did have responsibilities and that I would be held accountable to meet them. Given

THURSDAY, MAY 10

8:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast for Cadets Only	Stevens Center
9:00am - 11:30am	Registration for Parents and Alumni Parent Teacher Coffee/Informal Discussion with Faculty (Re-Enrollment Desk Open and in Linger Hall)	Vanier Academic Center Porch Vanier Academic Center Library
10:15am	Boy Scout Court of Honor	Armstrong Chapel
11:30am	Pass-in-Review	Teardrop
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Lunch for Cadets & Families	Stevens Center
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Academic/Military Awards Ceremony (Re-Enrollment Desk Open in Linger Hall following Ceremony)	Banes Gymnasium
3:00pm - 5:00pm	Reception for Old Boys	La Quinta Conference Room
3:30pm	Pass Gate Open	
5:30pm - 6:00pm	Photo Opportunity for Parents at Prom	Salina Country Club
6:00pm - 10:30pm	Junior/Senior Prom	Salina Country Club
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Dinner for Cadets Only	Stevens Center
6:00pm - 7:30pm	Reception - Parents, Faculty, & Staff Only (Re-Enrollment Desk Open)	Linger Hall
10:30pm	Pass Gate Closed for Cadets Not Attending Prom	
12:00am	Pass Gate Closed for Cadets Attending Prom	



FRIDAY, MAY 11

8:00am	Flag Raising Ceremony Final Roll Call	Teardrop
9:00am	Pass-in-Review	Teardrop
	Forming of "F" Troop	
9:15am	Continental Breakfast Parents/Families	President's Backyard Deck
	Old Boys Breakfast	
9:15am	Breakfast for Cadets Only	Stevens Center
10:00am	Scholarships/Distinguished Awards Ceremony Wall of Fame Inductions	Banes Gymnasium
11:30am	Lunch for Cadets & Families	Stevens Center
1:00pm	Formation of the Cadet Corps	Browning Parade Field
1:15pm	Retirement Ceremony & Pass-in-Review in Honor of Retiring Faculty/Staff	Jack Vanier Hall
2:00pm	Military Tattoo Ceremony Performance by the Color Guard/Drill Team/Band/Fife & Drum Corps	Banes Gymnasium
3:30pm	Recital	Browning Reception Room
3:00pm – 5:00pm	Re-Enrollment Desk Open	Linger Hall
3:00pm	Pass Gate Open	
5:00pm	Dinner for Cadets without Parents	Stevens Center
4:30pm	Alumni Dinner	Browning Reception Room
7:00pm	President's Recognition Ceremony Ring Ceremony Class of 2013 Farewell Class of 2012 Battalion Staff Attendance Mandatory for All Cadets Dress Code: Jacket Required	Bicentennial Center
12:00am	Pass Gate Closed	

SATURDAY, MAY 12

7:00am	Breakfast for Cadets Only Breakfast for Seniors Hosted by "Old Boys"	Stevens Center Browning Reception Room
8:30am	Senior Eucharist Mandatory for Seniors (Parents and other Cadets welcome to attend)	Armstrong Chapel
10:00am	Freedom Tree Ceremony	Teardrop
10:30am	Graduation – Class of 2012 Commencement Speaker: "Old Boy," Steve Erb Final Pass-in-Review Dismissal of the 124 th Corps of Cadets	Jack Vanier Hall
	BBQ for "Old Boys," Families, & Staff (Following Graduation Ceremonies)	President's Backyard Deck

*Bold – Denotes Alumni Activities



Robotics Competition

"We have taken great strides with the program this year. We successfully completed the challenges (autonomous, shooting, and balancing on the bridge). As mentors we could not be prouder."
Anna Robles

"The robotics team took cadets Hibler, Cois, Walther, Astle, Meyer, Reshovsky, Elm, Barron, Nicodemus, Tuatz and Visser to Kansas City to represent St. John's in the 2012 FIRST Robotics competition. Thursday was the day of tweaking and seeing how the robot would respond to the field. Friday and Saturday morning were qualification rounds, followed by elimination matches Saturday afternoon. The final score was 2:6:1, and the final ranking was 52 out of 64. There was some tough competition.

It is a bit misleading when you compare it to last year when the team was 29 out of 54. Here is why.

Last year, the team built a robot that could move and lift an inner tube. The entire weekend, the team scored one time and focused on defense most of the competition.

This year, the robot could play offense and shoot fairly well. On Friday, we were able to get a code in that would allow the robot to go autonomous the first 15 seconds of the match. This made the team more marketable and guaranteed at least three if not six points. This allowed the team to score several times.

Brett Hibler, Adam Walther, and Jacob Astle represented the team when they gave an outstanding

presentation for the Chairman's Award. Sheila Shaffer from Central, whose team won the award last year, also listened to the SJMS presentation and was very impressed with how well the team did. The team came out and were full of smiles and felt they truly had a chance to win it. Unfortunately, SJMS did not get the award. The winner had mentored 18 teams and put on summer camps. Something that we just cannot do at SJMS. Regardless, all of the Cadets should be very proud of their accomplishments. SJMS is hoping that many will be back next year, and the team will be able to build on past success.

"We are VERY proud of how our boys represented themselves. I cannot tell you how many times Mrs. Kraus or a I was approached by someone who would compliment us on how polite and well behaved our boys were," said Anna Robles.

A big thanks to our mentors Mrs. Kraus, Mrs. Cerny, and Mr. Deters.

Thanks to the faculty and staff for their support of this program. Also, a big thanks to our sponsors, Vortex, Schwans, and the L.P. Pat Mullen Fund for Youth Science, Technology and Invention."

Anna Robles



from left: Caelon Tautz, Hunter Nicodemus, Rory Reshovsky, Elliot Murray, Jacob Astle, Sergio Cois, Michael Barron, Bretton Hibler, Julius Visser, Bryan Elm, Paul Meyer, and Adam Walther.

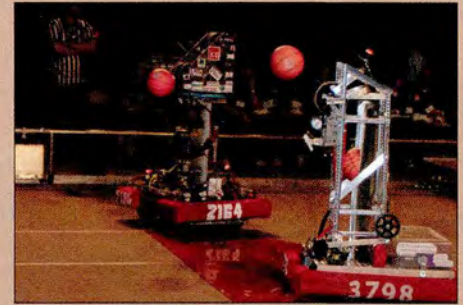
TEAM 3798 ROBOTICS

Sponsors



VORTEX
Pat Mullen Grant
Schwans

FIRST® Robotics



Above: Serio Cois, Bretton Hibler and Paul Meyer test the trajectory of the basketball arm on the robot. Top to bottom: Rory Reshovsky, Bretton Hobler and Paul Meyer work on building the robot. Rory Reshovsky, Caelon Tautz, Elliot Murray, Michael Barron, Paul Meyer, and Sergio Cois take turns explaining the robotics project to the parents. The SJMS Robot, number 3798, goes into battle. Rory Reshovsky and Sergio Cois remove the robot to get ready for the next round. Julius Visser, Sergio Cois, and Adam Walther watch the competition from the sidelines.



Alumni-News



Remember when....

We all have special stories we love to tell about SJMS. Remembering the time, the Cadet, the place, the staff, or even the event will bring those memories back to life. Usually the stories grow dearer with age but are always worth telling.

Events are being planned for the 125th anniversary corps next year. There's no better way of being a part of the history than by sharing your story. Stories are being compiled and a booklet of "Old Boy" stories will be available in celebration of the 125th.

Bob Odell remembers, "My most hilarious moment was talked about for a while. Derek Barth, "Old Boy," 1989 and several other seniors were in the senior English class taught by Susie Harris. We had just left science with strict instructions to leave the eggs in science. We had been testing the theory that you can't squeeze an egg lengthwise in your hand and break it. Derek was sitting in the front row and was showing this to Mrs. Harris. The egg flipped in his hand and exploded! She was covered in raw egg. Bits of egg yolk flew across the classroom. Luckily, I was slouched down in my chair, ready for a nap or something. The egg skimmed across the top of my flat top haircut rather than hitting me square in the face. Mrs. Harris told me several times that she really wished I had been sitting in my chair."



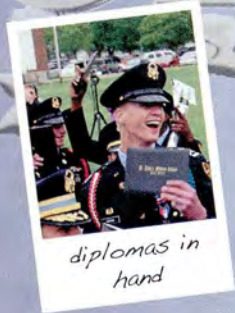
Share your part of history that has helped make SJMS what it is today. Email Terry at terryp@sjms.org or give her a call!

"Commencement is a time to salute the Seniors of the 124th Corps of Cadets. It is also homecoming for "Old Boys" returning to Campus."

Special "Old Boy" Events!



"Old Boys" & Scholarship winners



diplomas in hand



treasured handle



bugler sounds taps

- Thursday, May 10, 3:00 PM. Reception, at La Quinta Conference Center
Enjoy a Cozy burger, renew friendships, and build new ones!
- Friday, May 11, 8:00 AM. Flag Raising, Final Roll Call, and Forming of "F" Troop.
- Friday, May 11, 10:00 AM. Wall of Fame and Honorary "Old Boy" Presentation in the Banes Gymnasium.
- Friday, May 11, 12:30 PM Alumni Room Open House in Linger Hall.
- Friday, May 11, 5:30 PM Alumni Social Hour followed by Dinner at 6:00 PM in the Browning Reception Room.
- Saturday, May 12, 7:30 AM Breakfast with the Seniors in the Browning Reception Room
- Saturday, May 12, 10:30 AM Commencement.
- Saturday, May 12, following Commencement BBQ in President's backyard.

**We hope you will join us! Don't miss the fun and the memories!
For reservations, please contact Terry, 785-823-7231 or terryp@sjms.org**

Notes from Liz



Former longtime SJMS employee, Bill Bunting passed away March 4, 2012. Liz attended the funeral held in Salina and shares her thoughts about Bunting and the many former employees of the school who attended the funeral!

It was sad to lose Bill Bunting. He was a devoted and loyal member of the St. John's staff. He retired the same year we did, but he always returned for Commencement and the Muleskinner functions. During our Centennial year, he dressed as the "old 'skinner" and rode a horse in the Centennial parade.

Bill probably knew more about flag and military etiquette and procedures than anyone in Kansas. If questioned by officers during the annual inspection, he would produce the manual and read the material to the inspectors.

Attending the service, I was surrounded by what I call my St. John's family – Jerry Housley, Dean Chiles, Paul Sommers, Doug Randolph, Kelly Rudolph, Johnnie White, Dorothy Long, Ken and Lillian Faerber, Wendy Stein, Leona Graham, Mike Miller, and many others. It was nice to see "Old Boys," Mike Wagner, Tommy Keil, Bobby Odell, David Dumler, Max Brooks, and Bill Heath. Keith, my deceased husband and school president, always advised that it isn't wise to start naming names because someone is always forgotten. Forgive me if I didn't mention your name. *Rest in Peace, Bill Bunting!*



from left: Brenda McCoy, Bob Odell, Jerry Housley, Max Brooks, Tony Blair, David Dumler, Kelly Rudolph, Sonja Chiles, Bill Heath, Dean Chiles, Joyce Bunting, Johnnie White, Liz Duckers, Lillian Faerber, Mike Wagner, Wendy Stein, Roy Lawrence, Terry Plumberg, Phil Kellogg, Ken Faerber, and Mike Miller.

"Old Boys," bound by Friendship



Ageless friends....

According to the Webster dictionary a friend is defined as a person whom one knows well. We often speak of the bond of brotherhood the "Old Boys" have with each other. The stories, memories, and their time at SJMS tie each one with a special union, which helps each young man to reflect upon their youth. However, what would "Old Boys" have in common that are more

than 70 years apart? A lot!

During the 2011 commencement weekend activities, Ed Lehman, Colorado, "Old Boy," 1943 and Michael Barron, sophomore from Colorado, started visiting at the Alumni reception. Michael found Ed fascinating. He asked him many questions about his time at SJMS, what he did after graduation, and his career. Ed answered Michael's many questions and a friendship started to form.

The two have kept in touch by corresponding through letters and phone calls. Recently, Ed wrote a congratulatory

letter to Michael for working hard to get on the Honor Roll. Ed stated, "I wasn't surprised Michael made honor roll. He is a very sincere young man, and I have enjoyed getting to know him." The letters are important to Michael. It's encouraging, and Michael beams when he receives them



from his good friend. Michael states, "I like hearing from him. He's always interesting

to talk to, and we've become good friends." The years between these friends mean nothing. It's the support system for each other that is important.



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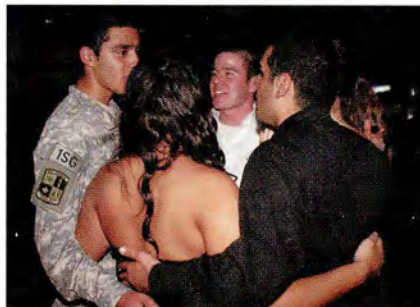
You make me feel like dancin'



Janice Stelljes works with the Cadets to coordinate school dances! Mrs. Stelljes is literally tireless when it comes to making the dances something the Cadets look forward to and enjoy! Katy England and Janice Stelljes have had fun chaperoning and inviting girls! Military advisor, Ray Parker has been known to 'bust a move' on the dance floor. Together, Katy and Janice provide plenty of time for dancing!



Above: Nicholas Vetter and Jase Lacy get in the spirit of the dance. Top to bottom: Edgar Vegara shows off his best moves. Weldon Dudding and Adam Walther do the hustle. Ryan Lynch and Isaac Farris boogie down. Yamil Nassar, William Abikzer, and Anthony Terlecki enjoy the company of one of the guests.



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