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sharp shooters

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Alumni Room

**Friday May 6, 2016**

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY  
"F" TROOP  
SJMS Teardrop  
ALUMNI RECEPTION  
La Quinta Inn

**Saturday May 7, 2016**

GRADUATION OF THE  
128TH CORPS OF CADETS  
HANDLE CEREMONY  
Jack Vanier Hall Impact  
Area

## February Students of the Month

Kody is an 8th grader from Colorado Springs, Colorado. His parents are Kevin and Kimberly Sudol. This is his first year at SJMS.



**Kody Sudol**

Kody's favorite subject is math. He has been very involved while at St. John's and has participated in CAP, soccer, wrestling, chess club, and Boy Scouts. Kody also enjoys playing the snare drum, solving rubik's cubes, and playing in the band. "Kody works extremely hard in all of his classes. He is always pushing himself to improve. I admire the effort he puts into his academics," said Mrs. Wilton, SJMS English teacher.

Cameron Ojennes is from Monument, Colorado. His parents are Dan and Candi Ojennes. Cameron is a freshman at SJMS and



**Cameron Ojennes**

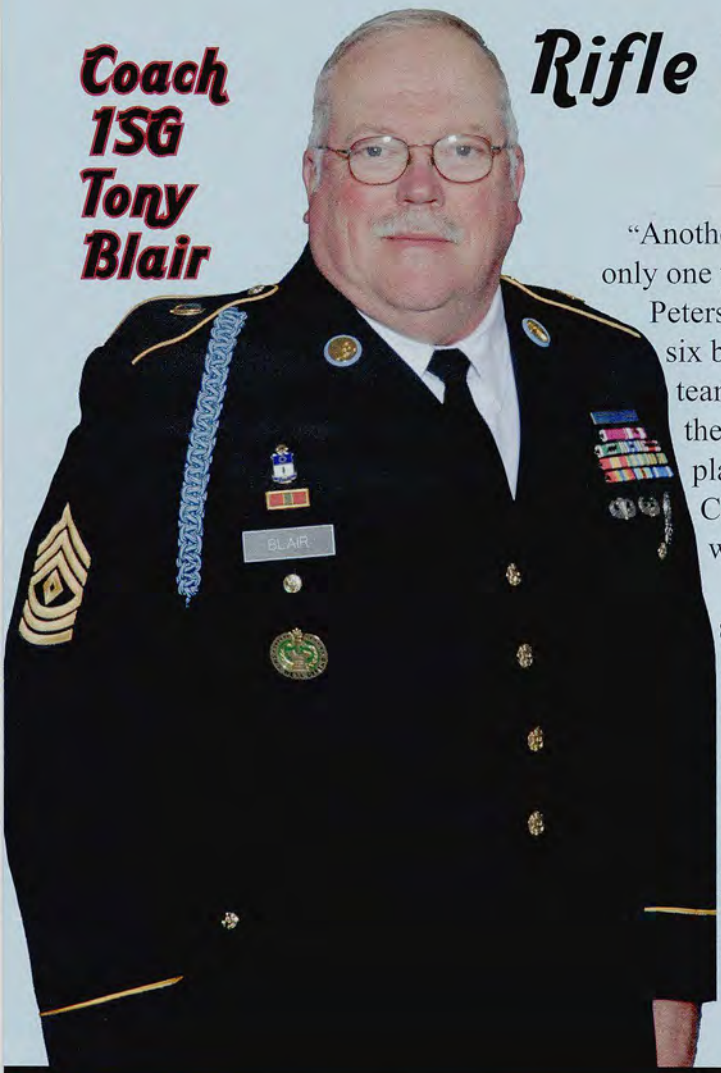
this is his third year at the school. His favorite subject is math. He has participated in cross-country and also enjoys biking, tennis, and hiking. "Cameron has shown leadership skills and a willingness to learn in the classroom. He is considered a model student by many of the staff at SJMS," said Mr. Glenn, SJMS math teacher.

**Back Cover**  
SJMS Moms Club  
Cadets receive  
Valentine's Treats

**On the cover**  
The 2015-2916  
Rifle Team

**Coach  
1SG  
Tony  
Blair**

# Rifle Team aims to win ... AND DOES



“Another challenging and exciting season has come to an end. With only one year of experience under his belt, rifle team captain James Peterson, not only had his hands full breaking in a new rifle, but also six brand new shooters. Initially thought to be a rebuilding year, this team quickly rose to the occasion finishing tied for second place in the North Central Kansas Gallery League as well as taking the first place team trophy in the first ever Kansas High School Air Rifle Championships. In league competition we were able to finish with a 6 and 2 record, one win better than last year.

Individually, we had some standouts as well. First year shooter Nicholas Michas is this year’s Kansas State Indoor Prone Junior Champion. Nicholas was able to out shoot several more experienced shooters by firing an impressive 1177 score out of a possible 1200. In addition to Nicholas’s Championship trophy over thirty-five medals were won individually by all members of the team. Rounding out the team are Branden Rucker, Caleb Kirkpatrick, Daniel Wei, Caden Lohrenz, and Daniel Bright. The good news is every one of these shooters can return next year expanding upon the experience gained this year.”

Tony Blair

## North Central Kansas Gallery League Match Results

Date	Opponent	Results
Dec. 3, 2015	Delphos	Loss
Dec. 10, 2015	Abilene	Win
Jan. 7, 2016	Wichita	Win
Jan. 14, 2016	Wichita	Loss
Jan. 28, 2016	Delphos	Win
Feb. 4, 2016	Abilene	Win
Feb. 11, 2016	Wichita	Win
Feb. 28, 2016	Wichita	Win



**Daniel Bright, Fr.**  
Son of Stanley and Stephanie Bright  
Scottsdale, AZ



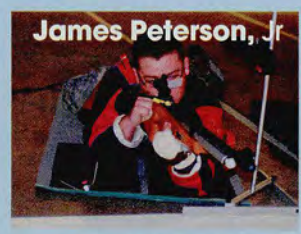
**Caleb Kirkpatrick, Jr.**  
Son of Richard and Melissa Kirpatrick  
Woodland Park, CO



**Caden Lohrenz, Fr.**  
Son of Sarah Collins  
Grandparents Greg and Langham  
Castle Rock, CO



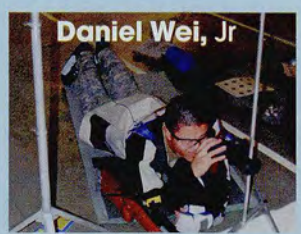
**Nicholas Michas, So.**  
Son of Gus and Shelley Michas  
Denver, CO



**James Peterson, Jr.**  
Son of Timothy and Kimberly Peterson  
Denver, CO



**Branden Rucker, So.**  
Son of John Rucker and Randi Kirk  
Salina, KS



**Daniel Wei, Jr.**  
Son of Zongying Wei and HuiRu Ding  
Superior, CO

**Sep. 25-27, 2015**

**Camp MaryDell**

1st Place – James Peterson  
2nd Place – Daniel Bright  
2nd Place Team – Peterson/Neroni  
3rd Place Team – Bright/Harris  
1st Place Sprint Rifle – James Peterson  
2nd Place Sprint Rifle – Alex Neroni  
3rd Place Sprint Rifle – Daniel Bright

**Dec. 12, 2015**

**Kansas State HS Air Rifle Championship**

1st Place Team – St Johns Military School  
2nd Place – James Peterson  
3rd Place – Nicholas Michas

**9 Jan. 9, 2016 Smallbore**

**Junior Olympic Qualifier**

3rd Place Male – James Peterson  
2nd Place J1 Category – Daniel Wei  
3rd Place J2 Category – Nicholas Michas

**Feb. 6-7, 2016 NRA**

**Junior and Open Sectionals**

1st Place Team – St Johns Military School  
2nd Place Junior – Caleb Kirkpatrick  
2nd Place IJ – James Peterson  
2nd Place Sharpshooter (Open) – Coach Blair

**Feb. 27-28, 2016**

**Kansas State Indoor Prone**

Championship Junior State Champion  
Nicholas Michas  
3rd Place Junior – Daniel Wei  
1st Place IJ – James Peterson  
2nd Place IJ – Caden Lohrenz  
3rd Place IJ – Branden Rucker  
2nd Place Expert (Open) – Coach Blair  
1st Place Junior Team – Wei/Michas  
3rd Place Junior Team – Rucker/Lohrenz  
3rd Place Open Team – Peterson/Blair

**Mar. 3-5, 2016**

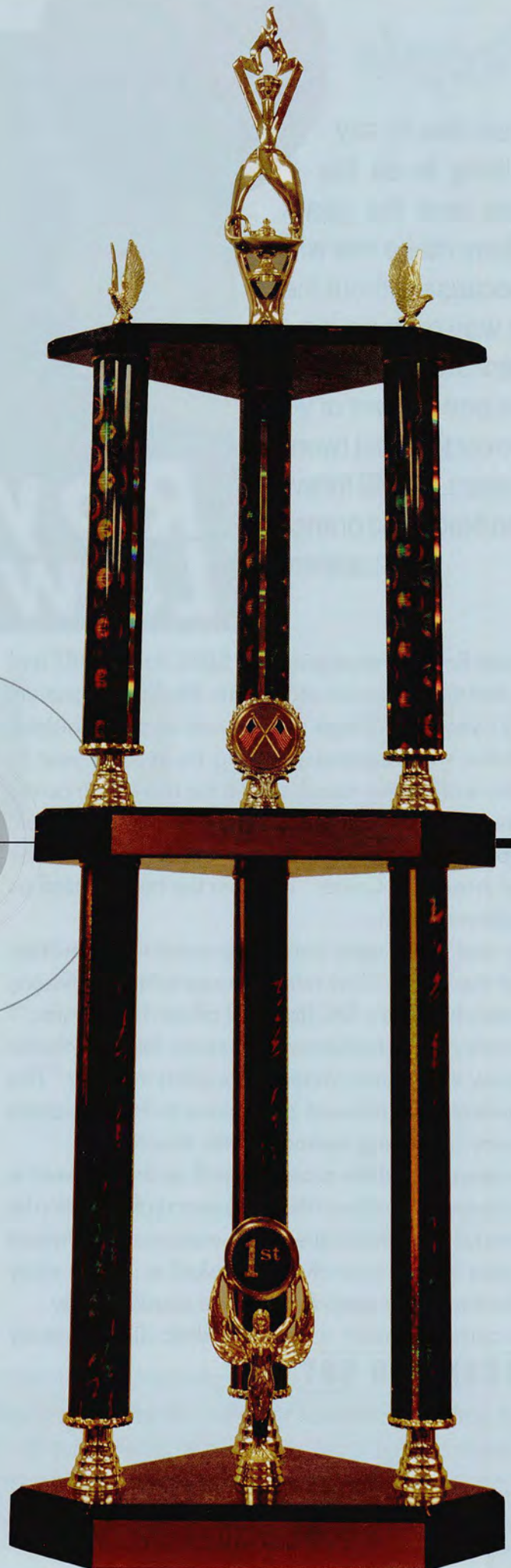
**Kansas State Indoor 3-pos Champ.**

3rd Place Junior – Caleb Kirkpatrick  
2nd Place IJ – James Peterson  
3rd Place IJ – Branden Rucker  
3rd Place Junior Team – Wei / Michas  
Sharpshooter Champion – Coach Blair

**Apr. 7, 2016**

**End of Year League Awards**

3rd Place Junior – Caleb Kirkpatrick  
1st Place IJ – James Peterson  
2nd Place IJ – Nicholas Michas  
3rd Place IJ – Caden Lohrenz  
Champion Master Class – Coach Blair





"I would like to say one thing to all the Cadets over the years that they make me who I am because without them there would be no me.

Thanks to everyone who I have been a part of your lives over the past twenty-nine years. SJMS forever! I bleed black and orange."

Roy Lawrence



## Roy Lawrence

Coach Roy Lawrence joined the SJMS staff in 1987 and since that time has worn many hats. His first assignment as a 21-year-old college student was as gym assistant. His duties were expanded during his second year to include; work in the mess hall and the recreation center as needed; become the assistant basketball coach; monitor an evening study hall in the basement of the *Vanier Academic Center*; and join the football staff as an assistant coach.

His next assignment involved a move to the military side of the house. Now referred to as military advisors, Lawrence became a TAC (tactical) officer, he explains, "I spent nine years in the barracks where my beloved charlie company won honor company six years in a row." This assignment was followed by a move to Headquarters company and being named athletic director.

Lawrence joined the academic staff as librarian and in school suspension officer. After three years in this position he became full time athletic director. Lawrence taught physical education for two years then was asked to monitor study halls for three class periods during the academic day.

His current position is that of athletic director, study

hall monitor and basketball coach.

Roy grew up in St. Charles, Missouri, participating in football, basketball and track. A 4-year letterman in basketball, his team only lost 15 games in four years. Lawrence was on the first and only basketball team in the school's history to go undefeated and win state. His college career led him to St. John's.

When asked about the most rewarding part of his job, Lawrence explains, "The most rewarding part about working at St. John's is the many Cadets I have mentored and the staff that have helped mentor me. I've grown up at St. John's and I truly don't think I have met a person that I have come across in the past 29 years that I did not like. St. John's is like a big family."

When asked about the funniest thing that happened while he worked in Mize Hall as a TAC officer, he relates, "I had a staff meeting on Sunday with my Cadet staff and I was waiting for the arrival of my company commander and 1SG to show up to the meeting. I looked out the window of the barracks and saw my car just jerking like someone didn't know how to drive a stick shift. I give thanks to Doug Morrison for that."

### REGARDING ROY

"... a veritable Renaissance Man. His wisdom and skill is of great depth and breadth and delivers where leveraged. Depending on when and where your life intersects with his; he may be Coach, Motivator, Counselor, Mentor, Confidant, Teacher, Friend, or any combination listed. In so many ways I'd consider Roy one of St. John's most valuable assets." Doug Morrison, Battalion Commander, 109<sup>th</sup> Corps

# SFC Ricky Jordan

AT ST. JOHN'S  
TAC officer in Mize Hall  
Midnight to 8 am  
2001 Senior Military Advisor  
Mize Hall day shift  
2003 Senior Military Advisor  
Bravo company  
2006 Operations Officer  
2007 Acting Commandant  
2008 Named Deputy  
Commandant



21 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY  
Ft. Jackson, South Carolina  
Babenhausen, Germany - Artillery  
Ft. Campbell, Kentucky  
Operation Just Cause - Panama  
New York, New York - Recruiter  
Babenhausen, Germany - Artillery  
Ft. Sill, Oklahoma  
Hanu, Germany - Patriot Missiles  
Ft. Riley, Kansas - Artillery  
Operation Desert Storm - Artillery

As a sergeant first class in the United States Army Ricky Jordan was in the line of fire many times as a surveyor in a howitzer artillery battery group in charge of target acquisition. Jordan was shot in Panama, taking shrapnel in his chest, earning the bronze star. Jordan retired from active military service in 1996. His time in the Army prepared him for serving at St. John's in the areas of problem solving, planning, communication, and counseling. Describing himself as "bad cop," at St. John's, he is famous for saying, "this is not Burger King...you're not having it your way." He insists that both the SJMS staff and the Cadets play by the books. The answer to Cadets choosing the wrong path... "you play you pay."

Jordan has remained at St. John's for so many years because he feels he is helping Cadets find their way. He explains, "they don't realize it, but everything we do is in their best interest." Jordan has been contacted numerous times during his career by young men he had to counsel and sometimes dismiss; there is a common message in their voice, "thank you for showing me tough love." During his tenure at Mize Hall Jordan found two Cadets outside the barracks after dinner when they were supposed to be in study hall. He relates, "I stood the Cadets outside at attention and when Roy Lawrence reported for duty at midnight he asked me if I knew there were two Cadets outside and I said oh my goodness, I forgot about them. Needless to say, those Cadets made sure they were at their appointed positions from then on."

Jordan's signature gold tooth and the debonair swath he cuts makes him easy to recognize among the St. John's staff. Jordan is known for his intense love of family and country. He is husband to Marie and father to Michael and Melissa.

Two careers have rewarded Jordan with special memories and plenty of satisfaction. Jordan arrives at work each day by 4 a.m. and often leaves after four in the afternoon. His dedication to St. John's is steadfast!

## REGARDING SFC RICKY JORDAN

"Sgt. Jordan is both a unique and interesting person. His commitment and determination to develop admirable personal qualities in each cadet has had a significant impact on the on the quality of life at the school and the quality of life each cadet will enjoy long after he leaves St. John's. While he is sometimes very direct and demanding, he has a soft heart and true sense of deep caring for all cadets. How fortunate we are to have him on the military staff and for those who know him and work with him, we are so very grateful for the impact he has had on each of us." D. Dale Browning



# ATEACHER'S

In 1978 the first Ford Fairmont was produced, the Boston Celtics drafted Larry Bird with the 6th pick in the draft, and the film Grease was released...and more importantly; Daniel Jones began his teaching career. Thirty-eight years later, Mr. Jones is going strong and still professes a love of the career path he choose many years ago.

When it came time to retire from public school teaching, Mr. Ramsey, a former SJMS instructor suggested Jones look into an opportunity to continue teaching. At that time a position was not available so he moved in a different direction. Jones obtained his insurance license and went to work for a local Farm Bureau agency. The following year Jones was contacted by Ms. Ginger Wooten, SJMS academic dean, and was given the opportunity to work in a self-contained sixth grade classroom. The sixth grade contained classroom of Mr. Daniel Jones rarely stays contained. While walking about campus during the academic day you might find the sixth grade class playing a game of red light green light which offers the Cadets a bit of fun and Mr. Jones the chance to breathe some of that fresh Kansas air. Mr. Jones also organizes many field trips to places like the Smoky Hill Museum, The Rolling Hills Zoo, The Maxwell Game Preserve, the Fly Wheel Museum and the downtown Salina sculpture tour.

When asked what surprised him most about St. John's Jones explained, "the strong connection with the military

side in regards to academics and their desire work really in any way they can to help a student be successful."

Jones motivates the Cadets to achieve by providing school work that encourages creative thinking and stretches their imagination. When asked how his class is doing academically he reports, "Over all they do well, I appreciate the support of the Bravo military advisors, as well as others in holding them accountable and their willingness to provide that additional support that helps the Cadets be successful." Mr. Jones's curriculum includes, Reading, English, Math and Geography. The sixth grade Cadets also study Science with Mrs. Befort.

Class leaders doing a good job or Cadets who have improved their grades are treated to outings at local restaurants.

In addition to his time in the classroom, Jones helps coach the middle school wrestling team. He also helps out during home athletic events, running the chains on the football field and doing the book or running the clock at basketball games.

Daniel is husband to Nancilee, father to Emily, and Bryce, and Ashley and son-in-law Erik Wisner. Ashley and Erik are expecting Daniel's and Nancilee's first grandchild in June of 2016.

Thank you Mr. Jones for your dedication and for always greeting your colleagues with a smile and guiding your young Cadets with patience and kindness.



# Daniel JONES



teaching since 1978



When asked what Mr. Jones taught when he began his teaching career, his response... "On a good day (and I had a lot of them) I taught 7th grade social studies." When reflecting on his years of teaching in the public school system and his time at St. John's he explains, "there is little difference; when my students are actively engaged, a lot of good things happen in my classroom."

***"We would really agree with what Kody stated as a reason for going to SJMS. He's finding himself! He's more confident. He believes in himself and his abilities. He's in the best shape of his life." Mr. & Mrs. Sudol***



## Kody Sudol

### ***The Sudol family shares their story!***

#### **What made you decide to give Kody the opportunity to attend SJMS summer camp?**

We would be remiss not to convey that it truly was born from a place of frustration. We know Kody is a good kid at his core but he did struggle with some minor behavioral issues at public school. Because he is bright and gets bored easily he would talk out of turn and fidget in class. At the end of the 3rd quarter parent-teacher conferences for 7th grade, almost all of his teachers agreed with this assessment. We sat him down before the 4th quarter started and developed a plan for him to improve. The first few weeks of the 4th quarter went great, then all of a sudden with just under two weeks left in the school year, we received an e-mail from a teacher about Kody's behavioral issues starting again. No less than a day later, it turns out there was a minor incident in which Kody and his friend got sent to the principal's office. In a passionate and emotional discussion that evening, we brought up the topic of military school in the conversation. Later that evening, we did some internet research and found that military school was just too costly. Kimberly then asked, "Is there a summer camp?" We found the website for the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States. They had a map with a "mark" in our neighboring state of Kansas so we clicked on it. We then found the SJMS website and sure enough they had a summer camp. The camp curriculum consisted of leadership and character develop-

ment in addition to many fun things kids would like to do. We thought this would be a good learning experience for Kody. It would signal to him that we're serious about helping him find a way to correct some of his behaviors as the school's recommendation was to get him tested for ADHD and consider medication.

But in our heart of hearts, we knew that was NOT the problem. Another reason for giving the summer camp a try is that by May of 2015, Kody's long-term goal was to attend a service academy for an engineering degree. He was really intrigued about what a service academy can offer as they are all top colleges for engineering. So attending a summer camp at a military school would give him a "taste" of what a service academy could be like.

#### **After his experience at camp, Kody decided he wanted to attend St. John's.**

Wow! We'll never forget it. We met him in the mess hall and one of the first things he says to his Mom was, "I'd be OK if you wanted to send me to school here." At this point, we already knew what the price tag was and our first response was, "it costs too much, it's not the plan at this time". Kody's response quickly evolved into, "I'd really like to give this a try...I'm finding myself." We were thinking, "wait...what?...I'm finding myself"? Here's a

12-year old kid saying he's finding himself. We couldn't believe it. The crux of the matter was that we noticed that the summer camp did exude a positive change on Kody. He was proud to march around and show us some of the military drills he learned. We could tell very quickly that summer camp had a tremendous impact on him...and for the better! He came home and wouldn't stop wearing all his SJMS t-shirts and shorts, etc. Within twenty-four hours of getting home, more specific Google searches about SJMS brought up unfavorable reviews and articles that were downright concerning to us as parents. We're, of course, speaking of the much publicized lawsuit that we had no idea about before sending Kody to the summer camp. We tried to keep an open mind as much as possible about the negatives on the internet about SJMS. Luckily, there was an upcoming Parent's Reception at D. Dale Browning's home in July 2015. We prepared a litany of questions about the allegations, etc. We grilled President England for a good 20-30 minutes about it at the reception. We also heard from some recent graduates who were there at the time of the alleged incidents. As they say, there are two sides to every story. We are so glad we got to hear from President

***"I think what has pleased us the most is now Kody believes in himself and in his own abilities more than he ever did before. As parents, we always knew he could get straight A's and be at the top of his class and be successful in anything he put his mind to."***

England and the recent graduates. It really set our mind at ease about the whole notion of having Kody attend SJMS. Even taking that part out of the equation, I cannot stress enough how huge of a family decision this was. I mean to send one of our sons six hours away to essentially live for 7-8 months



***“We can’t say enough great things about what SJMS has done for Kody in such a short amount of time. It truly is the best decision we made regarding Kody’s education and personal development. The sky’s the limit...well, for Kody, space may actually be the limit!” Mr. & Mrs. Sudol***

out of the year, that’s tough! It was a very emotional decision. There was significant worry about the financial aspect of it. All in all, we found a way to make it happen. One thing we’ve learned from life is that you regret the things you don’t do. And we could not ignore the positive changes in Kody from four short weeks at SJMS so we couldn’t deny him a chance at giving this whole military school thing a try.

#### **What has pleased you most about the St. John’s experience?**

Almost everything! He’s been able to continue on his Boy Scout trail as he is about to receive the rank of Star Scout. He joined the Civil Air Patrol and has already achieved the rank of Airman. Plus, he was able to take the controls of a Cessna aircraft a few months back for about 30 minutes. He joined the middle school wrestling team and was voted co-captain without having any prior wrestling experience. He actually had a good showing in many of his wrestling matches despite his lack of experience. He’s able to continue his love for music as he is experienced at playing the drums, keyboard, and bass guitar. He was promoted to the cadet rank of Corporal by November 2015 and will sit for his Sergeant’s boards very soon. Not to mention he was recently promoted from Drill Instructor to Bravo Company Squad Leader.

#### **Many people believe that the family atmosphere at St. John’s is what helps families feel secure in having their sons far away from home. Do You agree? Why?**

Yes, we definitely believe that it helps tremendously. What really helps in this regard

is knowing that we’re not alone. More so, being able to meet the other parents and bond with them over our sons being away from home for two-thirds of the calendar year is invaluable. It’s a big help to know that all these other parents are having the same experience that we are from an emotional and financial perspective. President England introduced us to the Ojennes family who live in a neighboring town and have a cadet currently at SJMS. They were kind enough to come to our house and meet with us to help us navigate through our thoughts and emotions now that Kody was at SJMS

**“ We are so proud of Kody for what he has accomplished in his first year so far at SJMS! Kody is doing wonderful academically achieving Blue Beret status for all three quarters this year. We are grateful for the small class sizes and the personalized attention Kody has received from his teachers. ”**

for new boy training. We would never consider another military school other than SJMS because of the family atmosphere. We also especially love that SJMS has “St. John’s Moms/Parents”. It’s wonderful to be able to call or text Kody’s St. John’s Mom and have her do something special for him if he’s having a rough day.

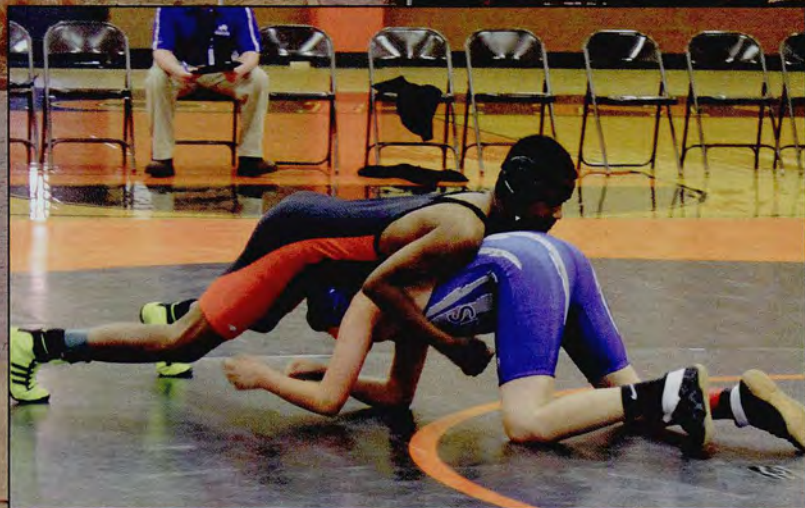
#### **How has the experience changed Kody?**

It’s been an amazing transformation from what we’ve seen. I don’t even know if transformation is the right word as we believe all of this was lying dormant inside him. He has lofty yet attainable ambitions

and aspirations. He wants to attend the Air Force Academy for engineering which would bring him home to Colorado Springs after his time at SJMS. Kimberly says YAY to that! He also set a SJMS goal to be Battalion Commander in his senior year. He’s much more driven than we’ve ever seen. He wants to continue with Civil Air Patrol, Boy Scouts, and continue developing his wrestling skills over summer break. And he’s also been able to keep his fun-loving and outgoing personality! We’re sure he’ll also want to jam out with his little brother Kaden who is a good drummer himself for a 5th grader. They both play in the local neighborhood Boy Scout Troop’s rock band.

# PARENTS' WEEKEND

*A drill team performance, Parent Teacher Conferences, a tear drop pass-in-review and a middle school wrestling meet all helped to make the weekend a smashing success.*



Michael Johnson grapples with his oponent during the middle school wrestling meet in Banes gymnasium.



Christopher Reilly-Reed, Bravo company commander is followed by Kody Sudol, and Keith Pierce, platoon leader.

# the 128<sup>th</sup> ...puts on a show



**Seth Jones, his grandfather, William McKenna and Paula Wilton meet for conferences in the library.**



**The drill team, commanded by Alexander Weber, perform a drill in Banes gymnasium.**

# Blue Beret

## High School



JiaJi Liu



Connor Ebert



Marco Dunbar

## Dean's Honor Roll

## High School



Jake Whitting



Lian Lavoignet  
Leon



Xavier Ryan



Peter McCauley



Daniel Wei



Hongyu Wu



Scott Dunagan



Eric Omdahl



Garrett Burr



Blase Whitting



Andres Hajj  
Tame



Ethan Pizzi



Easton Ryser



Rafael  
Abraham Aroyo



Alex Weber



Christopher Castro



Sean Udofia



Alex Turner



Carver Patterson

## Dean's Honor Roll

## Middle School



Osahon Mike-  
Irabor



Jason Udofia



Jackson Forbes



James Thomas



Xander Tamblyn

# Blue Beret

## Middle School



Adrian Cabildo



Kody Sudol



Brandon Burrage

## Honor Roll

## High School



Reece Turner



Miles Pappas



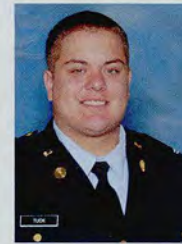
Jacob Gengler



Demear Thorne



Yuehai Pan



Jeremy Tuck



Justin Gilbert



Caden Lohrenz



Cameron Ojennes



James Ushman



Zachary Mazer



Brendan Myrick



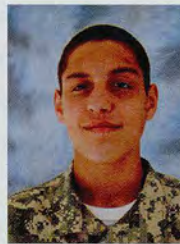
Caleb Kirkpatrick



James Peterson



Robert Hinze



Nicholas Michas



David Gross



Jackson Brinn



Marshall Otter



Bryan Udofia



Keith Pierce

## Honor Roll

## Middle School



ChenHao Yu



Isaiah Saya



Spencer Dressel



McKenzi Finn



Lex Jack

"This woman is truly a gift from God!"

"She does so much, not only for me but for her community and the student body at St. John's Military School!"

"Her love for life and tender heart has made her the best second mom ever!"

"She greets me everyday as I walk to class and starts my day off right!"

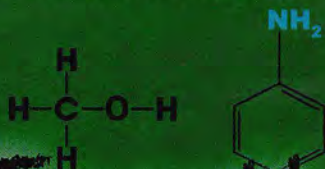
"I love being around her and talking with her!"

"She is an amazing lady and a wonderful friend!"

"My life won't ever be the same!"



"You are incredible and an unforgettable person."



# Excellence in Teaching



St. John's Military School chemistry teacher, Pam Kraus remembers hearing her name being called during the promotion ceremony in Banes gymnasium and having no idea why she was being called to the podium. Kraus was being recognized by the Kansas Mason Foundation as the St. John's Military School 2015-2016 Kansas Masonic Foundation Exemplary Teacher Award winner.

Mrs. Kraus was nominated for this award for her unwavering dedication to her students, her work in developing the St. John's mentor teacher program, and for serving as a mentor teacher. Kraus keeps her classes interesting by using innovative teaching methods and materials from the many conferences she attends (usually during summer break), the grants she writes and is awarded, and her

endless research. She works tirelessly with students who need help and with students who need to be challenged. She offers projects meant to stretch her students imaginations and feed their thirst for knowledge.

Kraus also very effectively mentors new teachers ensuring their smooth transition to St. John's Military School.

Through her caring and kind actions, Mrs. Kraus makes daily contributions to our St. John's family.

In addition to her professional responsibilities Kraus devotes a good portion of her time to her St. John's sons always going above and beyond by enriching their time at St. John's. Often times Kraus becomes a valuable resource.

*Thank you, Mrs. Kraus!*



# GENERAL DOUGLAS McARTHUR

The Battalion Commander of the 128th Corps of Cadets, Jake Whitting, was awarded the General Douglas McArthur Award. The objective of the award is to encourage Cadets to emulate and practice the qualities exemplified by Douglas McArthur while a Cadet at the West Texas Military Institute and at West Point. The award is given to a SJMS senior Cadet displaying the most soldierly performance in academics, athletics and leadership. Jake Whitting has earned numerous awards and decorations including the service learning ribbon, the varsity athletic ribbon, the commandants list award, the SJMS achievement ribbon and the academic achievement wreath.





**Commencement Weekend  
 Schedule  
 128th Corps of Cadets  
 May 5,6-7, 2016  
 (subject to change)**

**THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016**

<b>8:00a – 9:00a</b>	<b>Breakfast for Cadets Only</b>	<b>Stevens Center</b>
<b>9:00a – 11:30a</b>	<b>Registration for Parents Parent Teacher Coffee/Informal Discussion with Faculty (Re-Enrollment Desk Open and in Linger Hall)</b>	<b>Vanier Academic Center Porch Vanier Academic Center Library</b>
<b>10:15a</b>	<b>Boy Scout Court of Honor</b>	<b>Armstrong Chapel</b>
<b>11:30a</b>	<b>Pass-in-Review</b>	<b>Teardrop</b>
<b>12:00p – 1:30p</b>	<b>Lunch for Cadets &amp; Families</b>	<b>Stevens Center</b>
<b>1:30p – 3:30p</b>	<b>Academic/Military Awards Ceremony (Re-Enrollment Desk Open in Linger Hall following Ceremony)</b>	<b>Banes Gymnasium</b>
<b>3:30p</b>	<b>Pass Gate Open</b>	
<b>5:30p – 6:00p</b>	<b>Photo Opportunity for Parents at Prom</b>	<b>Salina Country Club</b>
<b>6:00p</b>	<b>Reception for Classes of 1985, -1988</b>	<b>Linger Hall</b>
<b>6:00p – 9:00p</b>	<b>Junior/Senior Prom</b>	<b>Salina Country Club</b>
<b>6:00p – 7:00p</b>	<b>Dinner for Cadets Only (optional)</b>	<b>Stevens Center</b>
<b>9:30p – 11:30p</b>	<b>After Prom</b>	<b>Stevens Center</b>
<b>10:00p</b>	<b>Pass Gate Closed for Cadets Not Attending Prom</b>	
<b>11:00p</b>	<b>Pass Gate Closed for Cadets Attending Prom</b>	



**FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016**

<b>9:00a</b>	<b>Flag Raising Ceremony Final Roll Call</b>	<b>Teardrop</b>
<b>9:45a</b>	<b>Pass-in-Review Forming of "F" Troop</b>	<b>Teardrop</b>
<b>10:00a</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast Parents/Families Old Boys Breakfast</b>	<b>President's Backyard Deck</b>
<b>10:00a</b>	<b>Breakfast for Cadets Only (mandatory)</b>	<b>Stevens Center</b>
<b>11:00a</b>	<b>Scholarships/Distinguished Awards Ceremony</b>	<b>Banes Gymnasium</b>
<b>12:00p</b>	<b>Lunch for Cadets &amp; Families</b>	<b>Stevens Center</b>
<b>1:30p</b>	<b>Drill Team</b>	<b>Grinder</b>
<b>3:00p – 5:00p</b>	<b>Re-Enrollment Desk Open</b>	<b>Linger Hall</b>
<b>3:30p – 5:00p</b>	<b>Alumni Reception</b>	<b>LaQuinta Motel</b>
<b>2:00p</b>	<b>Pass Gate Open</b>	
<b>5:00p</b>	<b>Dinner for Cadets without Parents</b>	<b>Stevens Center</b>
<b>7:00p</b>	<b>President's Recognition Ceremony Ring Ceremony Class of 2017 Farewell Class of 2016 Battalion Staff Attendance Mandatory for All Cadets Dress Code: Jacket Required</b>	<b>Salina Bi-Centennial Center</b>
<b>12:00a</b>	<b>Pass Gate Closed</b>	

**SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016**

<b>7:15a</b>	<b>Breakfast for Cadets Only Breakfast for Seniors Hosted by Old Boys</b>	<b>Stevens Center Browning Reception Room</b>
<b>8:30a</b>	<b>Senior Eucharist Mandatory for Seniors (Parents and other Cadets welcome to attend)</b>	<b>Armstrong Chapel</b>
<b>10:00a</b>	<b>Freedom Tree Ceremony</b>	<b>Teardrop</b>
<b>10:30a</b>	<b>Graduation – Class of 2016 Final Pass-in-Review Dismissal of the 128th Corps of Cadets BBQ for Alumni and their Families, Staff/Faculty (Following Graduation Ceremonies)</b>	<b>Jack Vanier Hall Impact Area Browning Parade Field Browning Parade Field Linger Hall</b>



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