



The Skirmisher

St. John's Military School • Fall 2004



A Message From Col. Jack Fox, New SJMS President

As I write this, my first article for the *Skirmisher*, our drill team is outside practicing the precision drill which crack squad initiated many years ago! Just as cadets of 1916 performed with the Crack Squad, so do our cadets of 2004.

The young men who make up the 117th Corps come from different countries, states and backgrounds, just as in the past. They come together, serve their time as new boys and are molded into a tightly disciplined unit. These young men carry on the customs and traditions of all previous Corps and at the same time, are charged with preparing themselves for the leadership challenge of the future.

The thing that sets us apart from other schools is our ability to change and at the same time remain the same. St. John's Military School is a solid institution with a great history. It has prepared thousands of boys for manhood and continues to do so today.

Today, we have modern state of the art classrooms and four computer labs which provide the cadets with preparation for the high



Col. Jack Fox addresses the 117th Corps of Cadets during the Blessing of the Colors, part of the annual Forming of the Corps.

tech world of the 21st century. We have college courses on campus to insure our cadets are able to enroll in the finest colleges. We have small classrooms and caring faculty to ensure that when a young man graduates from St. John's he has received the finest of high school educations.

Yet at the same time, through the office of the Commandant, the customs and traditions of the Corps are upheld and maintained while training and mentoring cadets to be leaders for both the Corps and world beyond the campus of SJMS. Therein lies the secret of our school. We prepare for the future today, while preserving the values of the past.

I am honored to be part of such a great institution and I pledge to uphold the honor of SJMS at all times. I ask all "old boys" and alumni as well as SJMS patrons and parents to help ensure that SJMS is prepared for the continuing change and challenges of the 21st century. The best way we can do this is to identify and recruit young men to come to SJMS. I challenge each and every one of you to tell the SJMS

story and help us find young men who deserve the opportunity to be a member of the Corps.

I ask all alumni and "old boys" to contact us and ensure we have up-to-date information on you. We want to upgrade our service to and for all of our alumni. I will provide more information on this program at a later date.

My wife Marvine and I are excited to be part of the SJMS family. We look forward to meeting you in the future and hope you can return to St. John's for a visit at the earliest opportunity. Thank you for your past support and your continued support in the future.

500 Miles to Kansas from Roswell, NM

Colonel Jack R. Fox was born in Roswell, New Mexico in 1948. He attended high school and junior college at New Mexico Military Institute. He received his BA degree in Government from New Mexico State University in 1969 and a Masters Degree in Education from Georgia State University in 1975. He is also a graduate of both the US Army Command and General Staff College and the US Army War College.

Fox was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in the United States Army in 1969. In addition to his assignments in the Continental United States, he has served in Alaska, The Republic of Korea, and Berlin, Germany. Col. Fox commanded an Infantry company, Airborne Training Company, Air Defense Battery, and 2nd Battalion (Chaparral) 200 Air Defense Artillery. His staff assignments included personnel, intelligence and operations. His final tour of duty was as the Chief of Staff of the New Mexico National Guard. He retired from active duty on 1 September 1995.

Upon retirement, Col. Fox taught and coached at Hereford High School in Hereford, Texas. He was selected by the students as Teacher of the Year in 1999. In June 1999, he was selected to be the Commandant of Cadets at New Mexico Military Institute. He held that position until August, 2004 when he assumed his position as President of St. John's Military School.

Colonel Fox is married to Marvine. They have two children and two grandchildren.

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Col. Fox stands with his wife, Marvine during his institution as the 17th president of St. John's Military School which was held at Christ Cathedral. Bishop James Adams (right) of the Diocese of Western Kansas officiated.

What's News

Sutera Named the 117th Corps of Cadets Battalion Commander

Who's New



Justin Sperry
Computer
Instructor

Megan Rackley
Senior Math
and Geometry



Debbie Edgerton
Administrative
Asst./
Admissions

Carol McDaniel
Spanish
Instructor



John Deters
Industrial
Technology
Instructor

Father Ron Longero
School
Chaplain



Deborah Webb
Receptionist

Ron Hulett
Maintenance



Andrew McGhee
Military
Advisor

Tim Bettes
Military
Advisor



Cadet Major Nathan Sutera has been designated the Commander of the 117th Corps of cadets. Like all the previous Battalion Commanders, Sutera has risen through the ranks to earn the top spot. As a starting varsity cornerback for the football team, president of the Chapel Council, and a member of the Advanced Military Skills team, Nathan is a busy leader with challenges ahead of him. "I



Sutera and the Battalion Staff, followed by the Color Guard lead the Corps during the Santa Fe Days Parade. Held during Parents Weekend, many parents and guests enjoyed watching the cadets march.



Sutera receives the Honor Unit with Distinction certificate from former SJMS president, Col. Keith Duckers.

think the 117th Corps has the potential to be an outstanding corps, but as always, it will take hard work on everyone's part, especially mine," he said, adding, "This year they have increased the annual Formal Inspection by 2000 points. This will be our greatest challenge to overcome, but I have no doubt in my mind that we will."

Sutera is a gifted young leader

who is respected by adults and peers alike. According to St. John's Commandant, Jerry Bradley, "Sutera manifests a maturity not often found in one so young." With several young men to pick from, Bradley added that he felt fortunate to have a young man as talented as Nathan serving as the Battalion Commander.

A Message from Devon Walter, Academic Dean



Devon Walter
Academic Dean

I want to express my thanks to all who were able to attend Parents' Weekend in late September. We had a great showing of parents, patrons and Old Boys. For those of you who were unable to attend, I appreciate your emails and calls regarding your cadet's progress.

Congratulations are in order for Elias Gebremeskel, William Fabry and Rocky Krug for the recognition they received at the KU Honors Banquet held at the salina Country Club recently. They received this honor for being the top 10% of their senior class.

As St. John's Military school is fully accredited by the State of Kansas as well as the North Central Association (NCA), our faculty must constantly work on school improvement activities. Our goal is to not just meet the Kansas requirements, but to make it mandatory that our students exceed them. As part of this continuing effort, we will be hosting a staff development in-service in October focusing on curriculum alignment. With the

federally mandated *No Child Left Behind Act*, we must continually strive for excellence in every aspect of our academics.

During our October in-service, the cadets will be treated to their first activity day of this school year. The Parent/Staff Organization pays for the student activities which will include movies, canoeing, golf, ropes course and bowling. The cadets may choose their activity for the afternoon following a late sleep in the morning. The activity days are good for Corps morale and give the cadets a break from their rigorous military and academic schedules.

The juniors and seniors are actively engaged in ACT preparation sessions. Thanks to the efforts of Ginger Wooten, Academic Counselor, along with the assistance of several teachers covering different subject areas, the cadets have the opportunity to become better prepared for the ACT test. The ACT is a requirement of many colleges and universities

for entrance consideration.

Some juniors and seniors are working toward earning dual credit in certain courses. Currently we have six students enrolled in college classes which will give them college credit as well as credit towards their St. John's requirements. We continue to investigate additional opportunities for our cadets here at SJMS to give them the best possible education as we continue to strive towards excellence.

I welcome all of you to visit our website at www.sjms.org for academic, athletic and campus activities. Always feel free to contact any of the faculty or staff with questions or concerns you may have regarding your cadet.



At the beginning of the school year, Academic Dean Devon Walter addresses the Corps in the Round Room

What's News

A View of the Episcopalian Church

People often ask, "What does the Episcopal Church believe?" In a 'nutshell,' of course, the answer is that given by Archbishop of Canterbury Geoffrey Fisher when he was asked that same question. His response was:

"We have no doctrine of our own . . . we only possess the catholic doctrine of the catholic church enshrined in the catholic creeds. We stand firm on that rock."

We believe and teach that worship of Almighty God is absolutely central. And worship, at its best we believe, should cultivate in us a sense of awe, mystery and glory. Thus Episcopalians hold a 'high' view of Almighty God, the Holy and blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that our public worship services should express that 'high' view, and that our worship services should reflect what we believe about God. Thus our liturgy expresses our theology.

We believe that the very centerpiece of our spirituality is worship; The Holy Eucharist and the Daily Offices of Morning and

Evening Prayer.

We hold a 'high' view of Creation. We believe that the world is sacramental, abounding in signs of God's goodness and glory.

We hold a 'high' view of the Incarnation of Jesus, The Christ, the only Son of Almighty God. We believe that our salvation began when the Word, of God, Jesus, took human flesh in the womb of His blessed mother, Mary the Virgin.

We hold a 'high' view of Holy Scripture as the living Word of God. Between the Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer and the Lord's Day Eucharist, the entire Bible is read in public worship services yearly.

We hold a 'high' view of the Sacraments, believing that all life is sacramental and that Jesus Christ communicates His life, presence and grace through the Sacraments

We bear witness to a 'high' view of the Communion of Saints and Mary, the Mother of our Lord. We believe that we are encouraged by their example of obedience and service, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by

their fellowship. We view the church as consisting of all Christians who ever lived and were believers; the church militant (those who are living and witnessing to the living Christ now in this life), the church expectant (those who once lived and were believers, and are now in the 'nearer presence of our Lord; who we pray continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God, but whom we see no more), and the church triumphant (those who even now dwell in the very presence of Almighty God Himself), including Jesus who dwells at the right hand of the Father, and others whom Scripture assures us were assumed directly to heaven.

And finally we hold a 'high' view of Holy Orders of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, the threefold ministry in Apostolic succession, thus assuring our full participation in the plenitude of the One Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

It is my hope that this will give you a better view of the work of the Church, and the Diocese of Western Kansas in its ministry to

those we serve.

(The Rev'd. Canon) James R. Cox, SSC

SJMS Chaplain

Father Cox to Retire at the End of 2004

The Reverend Canon James R. Cox, SSC will retire from his duties as SJMS Chaplain at the end of the first semester (December 16, 2004). Fr. Cox and his wife Ruth purchased a townhouse in the southeast part of Salina where they are making their "retirement home." Fr. Cox will continue as the Vicar of Transfiguration Church, Bennington and will assume other duties as directed by Bishop Adams.



Father Cox presents Col Fox with the *Book of Common Prayer* as a gift from the Chapel during Fox's installation.

The Commandant's Reflections on the Corps



Commandant Col. Jerry Bradley, along with assistance from the Battalion Commander promote cadet Jeff Billings to the rank of First Lieutenant.

For the past 116 years, the history of St. John's Military School has been written by outstanding young men from all across this nation and world. *Legendary* old boys have peopled our ranks, *getting their start here, and both developing and honing those skills and disciplines which were the foundation for all that they would become.* Old boys who have gone on to greatness, and who are superb examples of what one can accomplish with perseverance,

and dedication, and a commitment to the principle of integrity, and to the development of character. *It is now time for these young men of the 117th Corps to begin to write their own history.* Their pages are blank, and what they write on those pages might in great measure define what they will ultimately become. I predict that they will write it well...



During the Forming of the Corps, Col. Bradley encourages cadet Alex Broeils as he take his place in the formation.

from the Counselor . . .

College Admissions Testing

Parents of college-bound seniors may find themselves anxiously pondering the options of their senior. All parents of college bound students, even parents of underclassmen, are encouraged to learn about admissions requirements in the colleges and universities your son is interested in attending. College admissions processes differ. Most consider grades and college admission test scores very important. Some colleges also consider class rank, recommendation letters, essays, interviews, work/extracurricular activities, and community service.

The following testing opportunities are being offered to St. John's Cadets. The ACT and SAT tests are college admissions tests. The Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test allows students to practice for the SAT and is the screening test for high school students who wish to participate in National Merit Scholarship Corporation programs.

In addition to the college entrance exams, St. John's offers all cadets the opportunity to take the Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB.) The ASVAB and the ASVAB Career Exploration Program can help students learn more about themselves and the type of work they might enjoy.

Testing Calendar

PSAT	October 13, 2004
ACT	October 23, 2004
SAT	November 6, 2004
SAT	January 22, 2005
ASVAB	February 3, 2005
ACT	February 12, 2005

On Campus

Highlights from Parents' Weekend

What We Think

Voter Choice

64% Bush/Cheney
36% Kerry/Edwards

Seniors

64% Bush/Cheney 36% Kerry/Edwards

Juniors

50% Bush/Cheney 50% Kerry/Edwards

Sophomores

72% Bush/Cheney 28% Kerry/Edwards

Freshmen

70% Bush/Cheney 30% Kerry/Edwards

Middle School

68% Bush/Cheney 32% Kerry/Edwards

Do you agree with the U.S. involvement in Iraq?

78% Yes 22% No

Seniors

61% Yes 39% No

Juniors

61% Yes 39% No

Sophomores

76% Yes 24% No

Freshmen

70% Yes 30% No

Middle School

77% Yes 23% No

Do you think that college is an important step to success?

92% Yes 8% No

Seniors

89% Yes 11% No

Juniors

84% Yes 16% No

Sophomores

92% Yes 8% No

Freshmen

100% Yes 0% No

Middle School

95% Yes 5% No

This survey is based on 113 participants in grades 7 - 12.

Fun Facts

Did you know . . .

- You share your birthday with at least nine million other people
- China has more English speakers than the US
- Donald Duck comics were banned in Finland because he doesn't wear pants
- Every time you lick a stamp, you are consuming 1/10 of a calorie
- On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag
- The electric chair was invented by a dentist

While Parents' Weekend came early this year, the cadets were polished and ready to demonstrate their skills in everything from the classroom, marching in the Santa Fe Days parade, playing on the sports field to being inducted into the National Honor Society.

The weekend also provided time for parents to spend with their cadet. Just as the weekend came too soon, it also ended just as quickly. The pictorial display shows highlights of this fun-filled weekend.



1: Mr. Matt Hurtt discusses cadet Benjamin Moore's physical science progress with his mother during conferences. Teachers were available to discuss student progress from 9am to 2pm. 2: As part of the Santa Fe Days parade, the Color Guard carries the SJMS flag, the Kansas state flag, and the United States flag. Color Guard members are left to right: Rocky Krug, Kyle Hughes, Max Mazy and Travis Barnes. 3: Travis Bostick, his brother, Colter, and Mom attend the Holy Eucharist in the Armstrong Chapel. Col. Fox and his wife share the pew with them. 4: St. John's has a strong presence in the annual Santa Fe Days parade through downtown Salina. The Battalion Staff is followed by the Color Guard, who is followed by the Corps. 5: Drill Team captain, Joseph Voiron inspects the rifle of Benjamin Roman as part of their drill routine. 6: Defender Robert Parekh clears the ball as a Wichita Trinity player tries to block it. 7: Even little sister and her best friend get into the fun of Parents Weekend. Former cadet John Mitchell's little sister and best friend were leading the Corps with their cheers. 8: Part of the football team watches from the sidelines as SJMS hosted Hope. St. John's fell to Hope.



Even when the weekend is going great, sometimes a little guy has just had enough!



In and Out of the Classroom

Do You Have What it Takes?

What is AMS? Advanced Military Skills is a class and club made up of an elite squad of cadets who are given the opportunity to better themselves through leadership exercises and physical training. For those cadets who are qualified, AMS is not just a uniform, it is a door that opens to a world of possibilities either civilian or military.

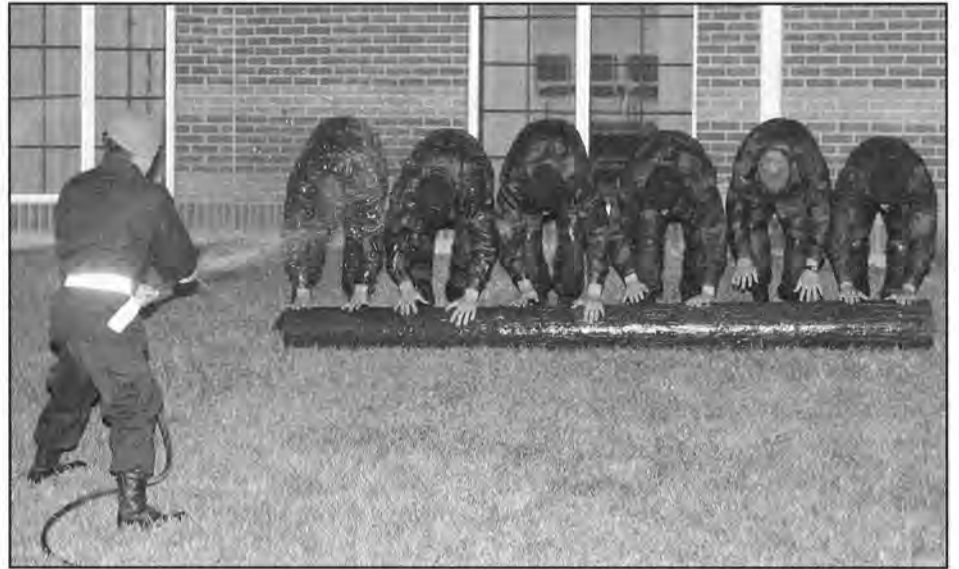
AMS is not something you can just sign up for - it must be earned. Cadets who tryout for a spot on the AMS team must take part in the AMS challenge and pass all physical and mental aspects of the test. From the wake up call at 0345 until 0630, the candidates will go through some of the most rigorous physical training that St. John's has to offer. The challenge itself is focused on teamwork.

Behind the challenge is the AMS instructor, Captain Mark Bucholtz and his AMS team. Their job during the challenge is to push the candidates to go beyond their best, while ensuring a safe environment. From the push ups to performing the Army crawls, the cold wet cadets must endure the 47 degree weather, while keeping their wits about them. Was it mentioned



Captain Mark Bucholtz, AMS instructor oversees the early morning challenge.

that the cadets are sprayed with water hoses during the challenge? Candidates must struggle to perform sit ups with a log on their chest while being "watered down" with the hose. Not everyone can make it through the challenge. Out of 18 candidates, only 9 passed. Upon hearing the news of their success, there was no cheering or ceremony, only the blessed anticipation of a nice warm shower and thirty minutes of sleep.



AMS member, Shane Meers, makes the candidates job just a little more difficult by spraying them with the water hose as they work together in the log roll. The training is designed to promote teamwork.



New AMS members are (back row), Joe Pantera, Robert Demski, Alex Prouse, Hunter Lobertini, Joe Beardsley, Michael Class, John Rutledge, Victor Gaglione and Jesse Levin. Helping Cpt. Bucholtz with the challenge was AMS members (left to right), Robert Parekh, Shane Meers, Garrett Cote and Nathan Sutera.

Band On The Run

New Band Classroom Activities

Visitors to V-17 or as it is commonly referred to as the round room will find some new equipment as they enter the door. It is immediately apparent that the round room is also used as the band room. Due to a very generous monetary donation from Bonnie and Charles Olentine parents of old boy Tyler Olentine class of 2004, the band room has two new computer stations. Much classroom activity takes place at these new stations.

The percussion students have used the computers to begin their study of drum rudiments. The web site www.vicfirth.com provides video demonstrations and practice tempi to assist the students with learning the rudiments and increasing their speed.

The brass students have logged onto www.musictheory.net to drill trumpet fingerings. This site is an amazing site dedicated to free on-line music theory information. The trumpet players have also logged onto www.trumpetstuff.com a web site designed to inform the

students about the latest trumpet innovations and the trumpet players that have shaped the music industry for many years. A visit to this site allows the students to learn about trumpet equipment and hear sound clips of each performers trumpet style.

Music Software is loaded on computers which allow the students to write and print their own compositions! We are also attempting to connect a MIDI instrument to the computers that will allow the students to play snare drum directly into the program so they can see what the music would look like!

The band students have enjoyed these new developments in the band curriculum and will continue to build new pathways as the year continues!



Band Performs in WaKeeney

The band doesn't have the luxury of starting the school year out slow. It's off and running for them. While small in numbers, they have created a mighty sound. The trumpet line consists of Zackery Tebow, Sam Bowman and Blaine Stratton. The woodwind line features Kevin Broeils on Alto Sax and Bb Clarinet and Tyler Pohl on Bb Clarinet. The snare drum line of four - Kyle Taylor, William Brooks, Andrew Johnson and Drum Major Joseph Devlin are working diligently to play the cadence in sync! This year's co-bandmasters, Nathan Dixon and Nicholas Cantrell will lead the band during performances.

The first performance came just days into the school year with a trip to WaKeeney, Kansas for a ceremony to dedicate the new Veteran's Cemetery. The band performed prior to the ceremony as the more than 400 Veteran's and their families arrived for the festivities.

In a letter received from the Executive Director of the Kansas

Commission on Veteran Affairs, the director states, "The songs the band played set the tone for the rest of the event. One could not help but feel patriotic and proud when the band played."

Mrs. Stein provided *Taps* at the conclusion of the ceremony. Guest speakers included, The Honorable Jerry Moran, United States Congressman, The Honorable Ralph Ostermeyer, Kansas House of Representatives, and Richard A. Wannemacher, Deputy Under the Secretary Memorial Affairs National Cemetery Administration.



Left: Working on the computers is a different way to study music as cadets Blaine Stratton, behind, and Wesslee Clemons, front, demonstrate. Above: The band performed at the WaKeeney, KS ceremony to dedicate the new Veteran's Cemetery.

Parent Staff Organization

Get Involved with the "FUN" Raising!

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The Parent/Staff Organization is made up of patrons, parents, and friends who provide cadets with equipment and enrichment to enhance their education. Functioning much like the parent-teacher organization at your public schools, the PSO projects are financed through dues, fund-raising projects and donations. By joining the PSO, you will

become a part of the collective effort to shape the lives of young men, as St. John's prepares them to be the leaders of the next generation. With your tax-deductible contribution, so much is possible.

Show your cadet how much you care with an SJMS Care Package! Each month your cadet will receive a theme care package filled with treats. The November Goblin' Up Goodies" package (modeled by Shane Meers) is filled with caramel corn, Chex Mix, apples, mixed nuts, beef jerky and sodas. Eliminate that dreadful trip to the post office! (Orders must be received by the 10th day of the month for delivery.) Add that "special touch" to your cadet's package with a small notecard to be enclosed with each delivery!



Membership Categories

Life	\$100 & up
Sustaining	\$ 100 - \$999
Active	\$ 50 - \$ 99
Participating	\$ 10 - \$ 49

Care Package Prices

Monthly Pkg.	\$80
Every other month	\$50
One time Pkg.	\$15

Please make checks payable to SJMS PSO, ATTN: Julie Fischer, Box 827, Salina, KS 67402



PSO Innisbrook Wrap Fundraiser

Contact Patty Robichaux
(970) 565-6259 OR
Order Online at

www.innisbrook.com

50% of all sales goes directly to the SJMS PSO

Make sure to mention the SJMS PSO if you order online!

PSO Highlights: MSG Paula Lambert Always Wearing a Smile

Paula Lambert came to St. John's back in 1992 as Administrative Assistant to the Commandant for the 105th Corps of Cadets. Every young man entering St. John's passes through her office doors. In the past 12 years that would be literally hundreds of young men! When asked about her job she replied, "My job is always interesting, very different each day, and "never boring!"

MSG Lambert issues each new boy a cadet handbook, a lock for their lockbox and completes a physical description for their file listing height/weight, hair and eye color.

Her responsibilities include explaining the hazing policy and offering encouragement to those young men who might be experiencing apprehension about what lies ahead.

MSG Lambert is married to Jack Lambert and has one son, David, who is newly married to Kristina. She has lived in Salina all her life and



enjoys movies, reading and making jewelry!

MSG Lambert is a member of the Parent Staff Organization, a Muleskinner and a St. John's Mom with five "sons." She frequently attends sporting events and plans

and coordinates the annual ski trip, a favorite among the cadets!

She completes mountains of paper work each year, publishing over 550 special orders for conduct reports, promotions and awards. She also spends a great deal of time talking with parents answering "billions" of questions about a myriad of subjects.

If you approach her office and the lights are dim and the doors are shut she might be in there doing what she calls "mushrooming", attempting to stay focused and complete her daily tasks! MSG Lambert meets each day with a smile and steadily keeps the military department running like a fine oiled machine! Thanks for all your hard work, Sergeant!

Center photo: MSG Lambert's favorite part of the job is spending time with cadets. Sitting, Timothy Tribble, standing next to Mrs. Lambert, Tylor Dutton.

"For the Boys" Raises \$15,000

A hearty thanks goes out to all the Parents, Grandparents and friends who attended the 2004 "For the Boys" auction. We had some wonderful items donated and many generous patrons who attended and weren't afraid to open their wallets! Final profits are projected at over

\$15,000.00! The monies raised will be used to fund very important PSO projects and scholarships for our deserving young men!

Be thinking about what you could donate for the next auction to be held in 2005...with your help we can make this event grow each year and

continue to fund enrichment activities and projects "For the Boys!"



Thank you to Mrs. Given



MAJ Stelljes and 1SG Tidmore flew to Alabama to pick up a bus that was donated by Mrs. Jessie Given. Mrs. Given has been an avid supporter of St. John's since her great-grandson, Dan Moran, graduated from SJMS. She has always been very generous to St. John's and is always looking for ways to improve the life of the cadets.

Going to the 'Big Apple'

In November, a select group of SJMS cadets will be winging their way toward the Big Apple - New York City - on a cultural trip. Ms. Zerger and Mr. Wild will once again sponsor the event which includes activities such as visiting Ground Zero, the Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, Times Square, shopping along 5th Avenue, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Science and Natural History, sampling a variety of ethnic cuisine, riding the subway, exploring Central Park, and attending Broadway shows. Look for essays on their experience in the next issue of *The Skirmisher*.

Old Boys

Seeking New Information on all Old Boys

Recently, mailings of over 6,000 letters went out to our "Old Boys" in hopes of securing email and current addresses. Responses are coming in, and we are pleased to update our data base. It is our hope to set up a detailed alumni network, as our alum are such a valuable part of St. John's Military School.

Visiting campus recently was Jim Cole, '54 from Bremerton, WA. He enjoyed seeing how the campus has changed since he was a cadet. He was treated with an "old boy" t-shirt from the Quartermaster.

Also, Floyd Lotker and his wife Dotty, Oberlin, KS, '40, donated some memorabilia from when he was a cadet. Floyd enjoys telling his experiences while he was a cadet and he still has a twinkle in his eye when speaking about St. John's.

Joseph Mitchell, Jr. Hutchinson, KS, attended 85-'88, is working in a factory building tractors. He attended a vo-tec school to learn welding and cnc's. He states, "St. John's has given me a lot of memories and life skills that I think about on a regular basis."

We have also recently heard from William Crews '59, Larry Barnett '73 and Roy Knight '74. All have updated their records.

If you have not already returned your information sheet to the school, please do this now! We will list all the updates in an upcoming issue of *The Skirmisher*. Make sure you are accounted for! If you have not received an Old Boy Update form, please contact Terry Plumberg at (785) 823-7231 ext. 7702, or email her at terryp@sjms.org.



Floyd Lotker
class of '40



James L. Cole
class of '54



William Crews
class of '59



Larry Barnett
class of '73



Roy Knight
class of '74



Joseph Mitchell
attended '85-'88

Old Boy Graduates of
1953, '54, '55, '56, & '57

Class Reunion
May 12 - 14, 2005
Mark your calendar NOW!

*Look for more information
coming soon*

**If you have addresses or
phone numbers for the
following people, please
contact Barb Nitz at
barbn@sjms.org**

Collins, D., '53
Cole, James W., '54
Drummond, Albert, '54
Helman, Phillip, '54
Deal, Lyle, '56
Paugh, Jerry, '56
Oliver, Allen, '57

Checking In . . .

The following is a short list of Old Boys who have returned their information update form. In the next *Skirmisher* issue, we will print a more thorough list and include more information.

Waldo Haythorn, attended '33 - '36 deceased
LT. COL. David Moffat (USAF RET.), '38
Dr. James Manard, '41
John Jackman, attended '45
Alan "Cub" Clem, '46
Daryl Pierson, '47
Robert Scott, '47
Morris A. Johnson, '49
Marvin Phillips, '50
Gary Hanna, '52
Gene Ely, '54
William Meidell, '54
Charles C. Moore, attended '54-'55 deceased
Chuck Arens, attended '54 - 56
Frank Pyle, '56
Jim McNaull, '58
William Crews, '59
Jeff Guemsey, '61
John B. Steward, '62
Charles A. Morrison, attended '63 - '65
David Mutrux, '67 deceased
Scott McKenzie, attended '67 - '68
Evan Pyle, attended '67 - '70
Sandie Ghilino, '71
Greg Sampson, '72
Jim Bunting, '73
Robert Conklin, attended '72-'73
Roy Knight, '74

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West to the Middle School



Top Far left: In September Colonels Bradley and Randolph took several of the cadets to the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, KS. Cadet Bobby Boucher found a new robotic friend while he was there. *Left:* October found the MS cadets on their way with Col. Randolph and Mr. Hurtt to the Renaissance Festival in Bonner Springs, KS. These handsome young men (*left to right:* John Adams, Zack Tebow, Andy Weiss, Greg Prewitt and Ian Sitarik) caught up with some "wenches" for a little fun. They spent the day at jousting matches, dancing for beads, watching jugglers, magicians and more. *Bottom far left:* . . . and then sometimes, there's just good old study time as William Depoliti finishes his school work. *Bottom center:* William Brooks gives the camera his best tough guy scowl. The remainder of the MS football season was cancelled due to injuries that left the team undermanned. *Left:* Happy 70th Birthday, Father Cox, but what about the fireman (Mr. Walter) putting the fire out on all those candles!

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Soccer Summary as of October 11, 2004

SJMS All-Time Top 10 Scoring

NAME	GOALS	ASST	PTS
Seydou Soumare	39	11	89
Sam Fujiwara	23	13	59
Christian Hopper	26	6	58
Chris Abouarrage	22	6	50
John Coleman	13	9	35
John Zander	9	13	31
Joshua Shaffer	9	10	28
Riley Dunn	10	6	26
Richard Derby	9	6	24
Daniel Torres	9	4	22



The cadets avenged an earlier 5-3 loss to Sunrise Christian Academy with a well played 4-3 victory on Perkins Field. Daniel Torres and Riley Dunn each scored two goals while Patrick Toth posted two assists and Jonathan Irwin earned one assist.



The cadets continued their winning ways with a thrilling 5-4 victory over St. Mary's Academy. Kyle Hughes (shown above) made several key saves diving to both his left and right to snatch the ball out of the air.



The soccer team prepares for the Sunrise Academy game.

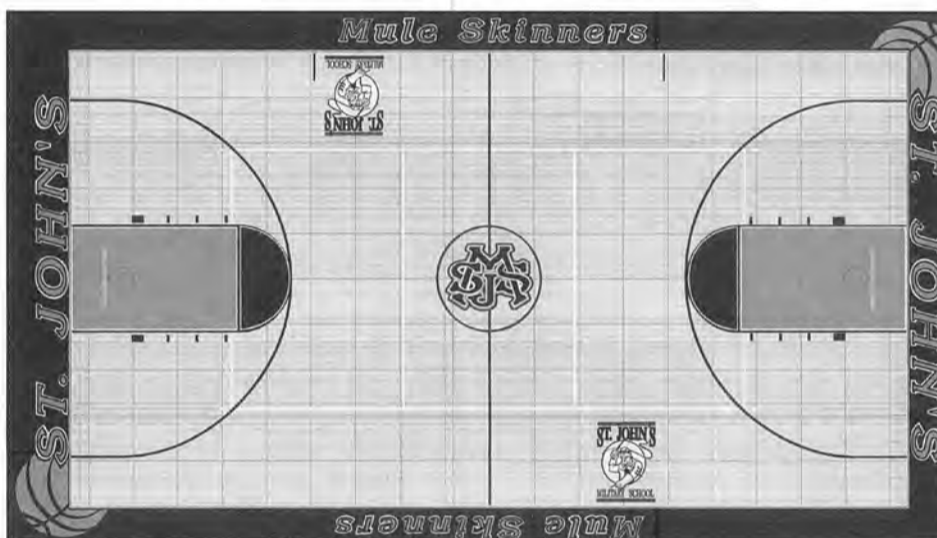
SJMS All-Time Top 10 Save Leaders

NAME	SAVES
Kyle Hughes	177
Nicolas Palacios	177
Joshua Crenshaw	176
Patrick Toth	108
Steve Katzman	76
Jason Smith	62
Scott Smith	38
Devon Peed	34
David Barber	31
Alejandro Campomanes	30

SJMS 2004 Top 10 Scoring

NAME	GOALS	ASST	PTS
Riley Dunn	10	6	26
Daniel Torres	9	4	22
Patrick Toth	3	2	8
Jared Wood	2	2	6
Mitch McCartney	0	2	2
Jonathan Irwin	0	2	2
Shane Meers	0	1	1

Dream Floor Installation



When Banes Gymnasium was built back in 1978, it housed one of the most beautiful floors made at the time. Within nine years, that splendid floor began to deteriorate and SJMS made a purchase of another type of floor. Called a flight deck floor, it was best known because it was used on some of the USA fighter ships.

Over time it too has deteriorated, becoming a risk for basketball players. With Col. Fox's guidance, the dream of a quality wood basketball floor has become a reality. On October 15, the new portable wood floor arrived at SJMS and the installation began. The 2004-2005 basketball team will have the luxury of playing on a brand new floor.

Records are Falling



This year Travis Bostick (shown left) has shattered the tackling record by ten tackles with three games left to go. The record was held by Cory Carrizales, '03, with 66.5 tackles for the past two years. Travis is on pace to hit 90 to 100 tackles this season. He has also had college scouts in the stands watching him play.



As for Raymond Parker (shown right), there is one word that sums his season up to this point: OUTSTANDING! A year ago, Parker had 450 yards and 3 touchdowns. One year later, with several football camps under his belt and a supportive coach behind him, Parker has 1,118 yards and 15 touchdowns with three games to go. Raymond is the first ever in the history of SJMS to have 1000 yards in a season. He has also broken the school rushing record for a single game with 476 yards, and ranks in the top 5 for the area in rushing for both 8 and 11 man football.

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David Lefler, '75	Chris Apostolof, '91
Michael Noonan, '63	Joel M. Barr, attended '92-'93
Max Montgomery, '71	Jeff Ewert, '96
Mike Wallace, '83	Matt Beynon, '98
William Bolster, Jr., '84	Austin Porzak, '98
Lynn Bogue, '85	Corey Dixon, attended '98-'99
Neal Therrien, '86	Carter Barger, '00
William Pemberton, attended '86-'88	Luke Duncan, '01
Mark David Brull, '88	Tyler Fossett, attended '02-'03
Mike Higgins, '88	Remington Smith, attended '04
Joseph Mitchell, attended '86-'89	Raymond Heinsohn, dates unknown