



was the Senior Recognition Dinner at Dutch's Daughter restaurant.

This year's senior class was the seventh straight class where all seniors were accepted to college. In addition, this year's seniors compiled an average SAT score of 1681 out of a possible 2400. The class also was offered a total of \$5.5 million in scholarship aid.

### SHARING THEIR WORDS OF WISDOM

The Salutatorian for the Class of 2007 was Katie Bidinger and the Valedictorian was Rachel Smith. Both young ladies excelled in the classroom and served as excellent role models to our students for their involvement in co-curricular activities. Katie spoke during the Senior Recognition Dinner and Rachel spoke to her classmates as part of the Commencement program. Katie is continuing her studies at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia and Rachel will go on to study at McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland. We thank both of them for being such integral parts in helping Saint John's to be such a strong community, and we wish them well.



Rachel Smith, Valedictorian

### RECONGIZING SPECIAL GIFTS

During Commencement, the Father McElroy Founders Award was presented to graduating senior Rachel Marsteller for her academic achievements as well as being a student who best exemplifies our Jesuit roots. These roots consist of: educating the whole person, having a strong commitment to service and social justice, and being a person who pursues an appreciation for truth, virtue, and beauty. Rachel will be attending Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. We thank Rachel for countless contributions to Saint John's and wish her the very best.



Rachel Marsteller receiving the Father McElroy Founders Award

### CARRYING ON THE TRADITION

Mr. Paul Rhoads, Saint John's Class of 1936, was presented the Micah Distinguished Alumni Award during Commencement. Mr. Rhoads was recognized for his long and distinguished career in the Federal Government, his many contributions to the Catholic Church, and for his long and distinguished volunteer service in the Frederick County Fire Department.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented annually at Commencement to celebrate the accomplishments of an alumnus or alumna and is based upon the following Biblical quotation.

*"... This is what the Lord asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8).*

Mr. Rhoads has lived his life in service to his community, his nation and his church and we are ever so grateful for his continued and unwavering support of Saint John's.

### WE ARE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER

The Board of Directors and a number of us at the school are continuing our work to break ground for the new school sometime in the spring of 2008. We are in the process of finalizing the planning documents and getting the appropriate permits from Frederick County so that we can actually start the site work in 2008. We are still on target to open



Katie Bidinger, Salutatorian

the new school in the fall of 2009. In the meantime, we have entered into a contract for the sale of our Prospect Hall property.

Our Legacy Campaign with a goal of \$7 million is quietly underway. To date, approximately \$1 million has been raised in cash and pledges. More information will be forthcoming about the campaign and how you can help support this exciting venture.

### YOUR GENEROSITY IS OVERFLOWING

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who supported our Annual Fund and Soiree. The Annual Fund raised a total of \$68,752 and the Soiree raised a total of \$54,582. Thanks to all of you who participated this year and for helping us to exceed both of our goals. Please look for your Honor Roll of Donors Report this fall.

### IT'S MIDDLE STATES TIME

During this past year, Mr. Boyer has led the school in completing the five year periodic review for Middle States. Five years ago Middle States accredited the school for the maximum level of ten years. However, as part of the new accreditation process, schools are required to update Middle States as to how the school has responded to the recommendations made by the Middle States Board. We have now completed that review and have forwarded this report to Middle States. Sometime in the fall, Middle States will send one to three individuals to the school for a one day visit. The next full Middle States visit will not occur until we have moved into the new school.

### ADD IT UP AND KNOW HOW TO USE IT

Starting in the fall, we will begin the process of investigating the establishment of a Science and Mathematics Academy. Students from eighth grade will be invited to apply to be a part of the academy. The students who are accepted will go through a specially designed four-year curriculum in the mathematics and science areas of concentration. Nationally, we hear that students in today's schools are lacking in this area and that high schools, in particular, need to strengthen these two areas of their curriculum. By the end of 2007-2008 we will be ready to unveil this new part of the overall college curriculum that Saint John's has to offer.



Dr. Robert A. Pastoor and Mr. Paul Rhoads

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUPPORTS ANNUAL FUND

The Board of Directors at Saint John's Catholic Prep supported the school's Annual Fund Campaign by collectively contributing a cash donation of \$11,620. Mr. Gregory Harraka, Chairman of the Board, presented a check to President Dr. Robert Pastoor at the June 21, 2007, Board of Directors meeting.

The 2006-2007 Annual Fund income totaled \$68,752, surpassing its goal of \$50,000. In addition to cash donations, in-kind donations were made totaling \$25,410, of which \$20,360 was contributed by Board members. The Saint John's community is very grateful to its parents, alumni, and friends who supported the Annual Fund Campaign.

The Annual Fund Campaign is an important fundraiser for Saint John's as it enhances student life – both inside and outside the classroom. Contributions to the Annual Fund help support faculty salaries, offer the families an affordable tuition, supplement the co-curricular and extra-curricular programs, and assist in maintaining the facility.

