

We are very excited about holding our 25th Annual Soiree on Saturday, April 29th. There are many special activities planned for the Soiree and we hope that many of you will be able to join us for a wonderful evening to benefit the Saint John's school community.

LET'S GET ORGANIZED

The Alumni Advisory Committee has been called into action. We are delighted to have alumni volunteering to help us with our alumni outreach. We have asked the Alumni Advisory Committee to help us with the following:

1. The structure of the Alumni Association
2. The functions of the Alumni Association
3. How best to structure reunions
4. Help in the selection of the Distinguished Alumni Award
5. Become a voice for the Alumni

The following members represent graduates from the last five decades.

Bill Mohan	'54	Erin Ingraham Guyton	'82
Dave Winpigler	'58	Lena Laug	'87
Lynn Rihehart	'60	Joe Ford	'91
Vicki Seward	'65	Kelly Van Weezel	'97
Jane Haller	'72	Michael Schultz	'00
Steve Rabbitt	'79		

We will keep you informed about the Committee's work and how the Alumni Association will function. Look for this information in "The Legacy."

IT'S BEEN A MOVING EXPERIENCE

Planning for the eventual relocation of Saint John's is moving along. On February 23rd, we received a unanimous approval on our "Special Exception" request from the Frederick County Board of Planning Appeals. On March 14th the Frederick County Board of Commissioners approved placing a symbol on the map for our sewer plans for the new property. Both approvals are crucial for us in order to move ahead with the new campus. There are a number of steps that have to be taken within the next several months, one of which is to contract an architectural firm and begin the actual planning of the new campus facilities. I will keep you posted as to any future developments.



Nancy Duncan



Irene Ghiorzi



Sandy Ballantine

WE APPRECIATE YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE

Every now and then a school has a year where several of its finest teachers arrive at the retirement age in the same year, and this year Saint John's is losing three of its most experienced leaders to retirement. Nancy Duncan, who was honored as the Friends of Catholic Education (FOCE) Saint John's Teacher of the Year two years ago and Irene Ghiorzi who will be honored at the Archdiocese of Baltimore Teacher of the Year Award dinner later this spring, will be leaving our math department. Sandra Ballantine, from the English department, who was honored on March 5th as the Saint John's Teacher of the Year FOCE dinner, will also retire. All three of these teachers have touched the lives of countless students and they have inspired generations of teachers for years to come. We are sorry to see them go but we are blessed to have had them as part of our Saint John's family for so many years.

WHOM DO YOU KNOW?

Saint John's will recognize one of its own alumni each year at graduation with a presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Award. The Alumni Advisory Committee has approved the following criteria for the selection process.

1. The nominee must have been out of school for 10 years.
2. The nominee must have distinguished themselves in some capacity while a student at Saint John's.
3. The nominee must have distinguished themselves in career, community, church, and/or other activities since graduation.
4. The nominee must have conducted themselves in a manner consistent with Christian ideals.

We are asking you to think about what fellow alumni might be worthy to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award. Please send the alumni's name, address, phone number and any information that address the four criteria listed above by April 21, 2006. You can send your nominations to me via regular mail or by email to rpastoor@stjph.org. This is an important way for Saint John's to recognize one of its own.

THE BUSINESS OF HELPING STUDENTS



*From left to right,
Jessica Gillet, 12th Grade
Travon Vann, 11th Grade
Fiona Blakemore, 11th
Grade, Ben Munyan, 9th
Grade, Not pictured, Jaron
Houston, 11th Grade.*

St. John's embodies the type of educational platform that can benefit many students. 40% of our students depend on financial aid and in 2003 the school started the Corporate Scholar Program. The Program partners a local business who provides tuition assistance to deserving student(s). We are extremely grateful to the following companies who are participating in the Corporate Scholar Program for the 2006-2007 school year:

Dan Ryan Builders **George Moehrle Masonry, Inc.**
Jefferson & Eastern Corporation **Morgan-Keller, Inc**
The Plamondon Companies

If you would like information about the Corporate Scholar Program please contact Diane Favret, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, 301-662-4210 Ext. 181.

KEEP THE EMAILS AND LETTERS COMING

My job is to serve you and the whole Saint John's community and I can best do that by hearing from you and communicating with you. We have made great strides in updating our lists since the publication of "The Legacy" and we want to continue to have the most up-to-date information on our alumni and friends. If you want to share your stories about Saint John's and your ideas about how we can best continue to develop our school, you may contact me at 301-662-4210 or email me at rpastoor@stjph.org.

HAVE PRIDE IN THE PAST – SUPPORT TODAY – INVEST IN TOMORROW

As you can see, we have respected our past in all of the decisions that have been made. Now that the two County Boards have given their approval for our new property it is time to concentrate on the future. We will make sure that you are part of that future. May the Peace of God be with you always and keep us in your prayers.

Robert A. Pastoor, Ed. D.
President