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FALL 2017

## President's Message

This summer and so far this school year, we have had a lot of activities and additions to our school and curriculum. I am pleased to share some of the most notable information with you that shows the growth and progress we have already made this year.

Our new students and their parents were invited to attend an Orientation Breakfast Program on August 30<sup>th</sup>. During our time together, new students met their teachers and some classmates, toured the building, and students in grades 5-12 were paired with their year-long student mentors. The Orientation was enjoyable, the breakfast delicious, and our students, returning and new, had the opportunity to form friendships.

Please know that we have been preparing all summer long for the 2017-18 school year and hope that everyone will notice the internal and external improvements to the school building and grounds. Installation of a new Cafeteria floor this past spring was just the beginning for our internal improvements. We continued our initiative to deep clean and complete building repairs this summer by steam cleaning wall-to-wall carpets and area rugs; washing, waxing, and sealing floors; painting the foyer, halls, and selected classroom walls; washing windows; repairing and replacing classroom blinds and replacing ceiling tiles where needed; and thoroughly cleaning all lavatory facilities. Excitement builds as we near completion of installation of our new wireless intercom and public-address system.

Externally, everyone will notice that the flag pole has been painted, the front parking lot repaired and painted, the back-parking lot graded, and cement curbs repositioned. Two new basketball poles have been installed by the front parking lot, and numerous trees and brush removed, which opens the building site. We have such a beautiful school for all to see!

The Media Center has a new look with new desks and chairs arranged in an auditorium style that is conducive to focus and productivity. The science department is thrilled to announce the addition of some new and exciting equipment to our inquiry-based learning curriculum. Mr. Shumaker, our high school math teacher, has a new TEQ interactive smart

board for his mathematics and physics classes. The school has also purchased more iPads, laptops, and printers, and has updated the software package for the TEQ interactive smart board located in the Eagles Nest, which serves as both a conference room and large group instructional classroom.

Our K-8 students will benefit from a new Enrichment Program that will enable students to delve deeper into their areas of interest in parallel with the curriculum. Anticipate small groups of students, across several grade levels, who will research, write, experiment, and present projects.

The Welcome Back Bonfire was held on September 8<sup>th</sup>, and family participation indicates that this event is becoming one of our favorites. Thank you, School Food Service, for providing the hotdogs, hamburgers, rolls, condiments, and mac 'n cheese. Thank you, families, for providing dishes to pass and bringing your favorite

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## Saint Elizabeth Mission Society Grant

The Saint Elizabeth Mission Society supports the Franciscan Sisters, like our own Sr. Rosemary Higgins, STCS/Walsh board and committee member, in their ministries. The result was a \$5000 check toward a brand new dishwasher in the school kitchen! Mrs. Liselle Esposito, pictured, penned the grant on Sister Rosemary's behalf, and she and Mr. Manko were pleased to receive the check. The dishwasher will be a huge help to Ms. Terry Hollamby with the new breakfast and continuing lunch services.



Thomas Manko & Liselle Esposito receive grant check.

## Foreign Exchange Students

By Mary Beth Garvin, Director of Admissions & Student Life



L to R: Justus Lingott from Germany, Amalie Thomas from Denmark, Jasmin Liu from Austria, Simon Hekler from Germany

This year, the school welcomes four foreign exchange students from Europe through YFU (Youth For Understanding). Left to right: Justus Lingott of Germany (hosted by the Hagg Family), Amalie Thomas of Denmark (hosted by the Widger Family), Jasmin Liu of Austria (hosted by the Smith

Family), and Simon Hekler of Germany (hosted by the Esposito Family). YFU is an international educational exchange organization consisting of partners in more than 50 different countries. The organization has been operating for more than 60 years and believes that full cultural immersion is the most

effective means to gain the skills needed to thrive in an increasingly multicultural, interconnected, and competitive global society. As an IB School, we also think this is a perfect opportunity for our students and school community to explore and gain a deeper understanding of different cultures. Please help us welcome Justus, Amalie, Jasmin, and Simon to STCS/Walsh!

## From The Spiritual Director

By Mary Lou Plesac

As we begin a new school year at Southern Tier Catholic School/ Archbishop Walsh Academy, we welcome Rev. David Tourville as our new Canonical Administrator. Fr. David takes over for Very Rev. Gregory Dobson, who, as well as being Canonical Administrator in recent years, has also been a Board Member of both schools during his 20 years as pastor of St. Mary of the Angels (now Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels) parish. Fr. Greg has provided a wealth of spiritual and educational expertise to both schools and will continue to do so during this coming year as he continues on the Board of Trustees.

Fr. David Tourville is no stranger to STCS/Walsh. During his five years as parochial vicar at St. Mary of the Angels, he has been intimately involved with school liturgies, classroom activities, religious programs, and the sacramental life of our students and staff. Fr. David presided at our opening Mass on September 12<sup>th</sup>.



This year we also welcome back another familiar face. Rev. F. Patrick Melfi was

recently named pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Olean, having completed two years in priest formation at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, N.Y. Prior to serving at the seminary, Fr. Pat was pastor of Our Lady of Peace in Salamanca for six years. During that time, he presided at many liturgies at STCS/Walsh. Fr. Pat is an Olean native who attended St. Mary's School. He entered the seminary in 2001 after a successful career as an engineer. He celebrated his first school Mass this year on September 19<sup>th</sup> with the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in the school chapel.

STCS/Walsh is also pleased to announce that we will be the venue for the production *Fatima, the Musical* on October 5<sup>th</sup>. An original musical by Michael Cygan, *Fatima* tells the story of the appearance of the Virgin Mary to three peasant children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. Presentations of the musical will be at 1:30 p.m. to students/staff and 7:00 p.m. to the general public in the school gymnasium. Daybreak Productions of the Diocese of Buffalo will film the afternoon performance. There is no charge for admission to the performances.

On a related note, this year STCS/Walsh will again be hosting the Morning Star children's prayer group led by Michael Cygan's mother, Mary. The group meets once a month after school from 3:15-4:00 p.m. in the school chapel. Dates will be announced. All are welcome!

First All-School Mass of the year.

# New Lab Disc STEM System

By Mrs. Lois Housler, 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade Science, Biology & Earth Science Teacher



*Kameron Ramadhan 10<sup>th</sup> Grade*

The science department is thrilled to announce the addition of some new and exciting equipment to our inquiry-based learning curriculum. The Lab Disc STEM lab is a portable, self-contained wireless unit which contains multiple sensors for data collection. We have purchased three different types of Lab Disc units with a total of 14 units available for student use.

Sensors include temperature, pH, Infra-Red Temperature, Barometric Pressure, GPS, Dissolved Oxygen, Photo Gate, Voltage, Acceleration, Ultraviolet Light, and Sound. Using the Lab Discs, students will be able to perform experiments of varying types, from determining the effectiveness of sunblock and sunglasses, to measuring the amount of noise pollution in their environment, to comparing temperature and humidity in green areas and urban areas.

Not only do the Lab Discs measure a number of different environmental

parameters, but they also record data and connect to a computer to analyze the data as well. This is tremendously exciting because data logging is an important part of the IB curriculum for the “practical scheme of work” (i.e., science labs). In addition to helping to make our required curriculum more accessible and engaging, the Lab Discs will be a help to students who are conducting independent experiments for our annual science fair, which will take place February 8<sup>th</sup> of this school year. Students who want to measure the impact of acid on an aquatic environment, for example, can now not only measure pH but also monitor dissolved oxygen and turbidity as measures of the health of their model system. Students who are interested in studying the effect of external stimuli such as music, meditation or televised programming can digitally monitor and record heart rate to measure the physiological effect of the stimulus.

The Lab Disc STEM labs will revolutionize science education at Walsh/STCS by reducing setup time for teachers, giving students access to a wide array of sensors with which to generate a hypothesis, collect and analyze data, and draw conclusions. This is yet another way that Walsh/STCS is helping to give our students the skills they will need to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



# IB Diploma Programme Update

By Mrs. Danielle Michel, IBDP Director

The Class of 2017 marked the fifth year of Walsh graduates from the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. In those five years, our 46 graduates of the Programme earned 120 certificates in individual IB classes — and perhaps more impressively, every student who has pursued IB certification in one or more classes has earned it in at least one course.

As the IB marks its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018, ongoing research shows the immense benefits of the Diploma Programme for all types of students. For instance, a recent study by the University of Oregon’s Honors College indicated that DP graduates “were significantly more likely to complete college than their non-DP counterparts... [and] were better able to adjust to the rigors of university coursework; students specifically highlighted a number of skills gained through participation in the DP, including critical-thinking, time management and research skills.”

Our school’s success with Diploma Programme is why we’ve taken steps to enhance the program and offer more opportunities at Walsh. Our IB course offerings have been expanded this year to provide more choices to our students. We’re also converting a classroom into an IB Study Lounge for juniors and seniors and providing additional writing instruction for our high school students to maximize their abilities.



## Presidents' Message Continued...

lawn chairs. Thank you, Nate and Theresa Smith, for providing the bonfire wood, tug-of-war rope, and music.

Our next event is the Eagles Gala Auction which will be held in the school on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Our theme this year is "Rock Around the Clock," and I invite you to step back in time for one evening to enjoy the sights, music, and atmosphere of the 1950s. The Eagles Gala Auction is the social event of the season, and proceeds benefit the students of Archbishop Walsh Academy and Southern Tier Catholic School. Theresa Smith, Eagles Gala Auction Coordinator, is an organizational marvel, and she and her committee of volunteers create what you will see and experience that evening: the front lawn car show, strolling performers from Grease, 1950s decorations, silent and live auctions, and the Brothers Bistro gourmet meal masterpiece. You will also be delighted by Nate Smith, live auction aficionado, whose expertise and enthusiasm are live entertainment at its finest. The "Raise the Paddle" special appeal is sure to give you "goosebumps!"

Our students learn from well-educated and motivated faculty and are supported by the most competent staff. Within the context of a Franciscan religious education and based upon the

International Baccalaureate Programme philosophy, our students rise to the highest expectations in order to attain academic rigor; create a teamwork ethic; engage in significant cross-curricular reading; complete research and writing projects; excel at public speaking; participate in athletic endeavors; provide myriad hours of community service of their choice; and accept responsibility to pursue their interests in concert with our faculty through formation of electives and co-curricular activities. Our students, Montessori through the Senior Class, welcome many international exchange students to join them in the pursuit of knowledge and self-development. As well, we are so appreciative of the parents and families of the Seneca Nation who pay us the honor of entrusting us with their children.

We anticipate a wonderful year for all!

Pax et Bonum,  
Thomas J. Manko  
School President & Principal

## STCS / Walsh "Funda Nos In Pace" Recognition Dinner

"Funda Nos In Pace means Establish Us In Peace"

This year, we were pleased to celebrate the contributions of Mr. Thomas Palumbo, class of 1974 and Mrs. Teresa Barie, both of whom have given countless hours to our schools.

*Thomas Palumbo*

Tom Palumbo is not only an alumnus of Archbishop Walsh Academy, but also has been the President of the Walsh Sports Boosters for many years and has been instrumental in coordinating the St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser. Mr. Palumbo currently owns and operates Sports Locker in Olean, NY, and through his company makes sure STCS/Walsh students are always in spirit gear.

Teri Barie was recognized for her countless hours on the Walsh Sports Boosters as Treasurer and member

as well as for her unwavering support of our school. Mrs. Barie's children attended Archbishop Walsh Academy, and even after their graduation, Teri remained involved with our school. She has been

*Teresa Barie*

a tremendous help coordinating the school fundraisers as well as volunteering whenever she is needed.

The event was held May 20, 2017, at the Old Library Restaurant. More than 80 family and friends as well as Walsh staff and coaches, attended the recognition dinner.



# Walsh Athletics Are On The Rise

By Eric DiMartino, Assistant Athletic Director

Walsh Athletics is kicking off the fall sports season with a fresh new start. We have added a modified soccer program to the list this new school year. As we are pleased to get the program started, we welcome our new soccer coach, Ms. Marissa Levia. We also welcome Assistant Varsity Coach Mr. David Spring as he helps our returning coach, Mr. Andres Cabrera. The varsity club looks to rebound and get back to the playoffs after an early exit last season. The cross-country team is going to be strong once again with returning students and coach Mr. Justin Shumaker. Varsity volleyball, coached by Mr. Nate Farnum, is looking to rebuild a young team that is hardworking and competitive every time on the court. All of the programs have excellent leaders and contributors who want to continue to build what already is a quality athletic program here at Walsh!

Walsh basketball will also be here before you know it. Coach Andy Moore had yet again another successful offseason summer program, bringing in athletes for open gyms and working on strength and conditioning drills to prep for the Monsignor Martin League. As we have welcomed new faces in the fall, we are also proud to have Mr. Matthew Kichman as the new varsity girls basketball coach as he is looking to rebuild and create a different culture in the program. Both coaches are anticipating a strong competitive team on the court as they want to head back to the playoffs and make our school proud.

## Alumni Homecoming Game In January!



This year we will be celebrating the Archbishop Walsh High School homecoming basketball game on Friday, January 19, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. The Walsh varsity boys' team will play Cardinal O'Hara. Alumni will receive free admission to the game, a free gift, and an entry into the drawing for this year's door prize. There will also be a dessert reception for all alumni after the game.

Invitations with details will be mailed December 2017. We hope you will join us as we cheer on our Walsh Eagles!

For up-to-date information, you can also check our website at [www.stcswalsh.org](http://www.stcswalsh.org) under the Alumni tab.



# Alumni Spotlight



Anthony Annunziato '66

This year Archbishop Walsh Academy graduated another distinguished group of seniors. The ceremony was held on June 2, 2017, at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts on the St. Bonaventure University Campus. We were honored to have Mr. A. Anthony “Tony” Annunziato, Class of 1966, as our guest speaker.

Mr. Annunziato has lived a life based upon the Franciscan values of creating a caring community, showing compassion, holding reverence for all of

creation, and making peace. Throughout the years, Mr. Annunziato has been most supportive of and has challenged his Alma Mater to think creatively, act vividly, and make a difference for our communities. It was an honor to welcome “Tony” back home.

Mr. Annunziato was born in 1948 in Buffalo, New York, graduated from Archbishop Walsh High School in 1966, and earned his Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Management from St. Bonaventure University in 1971. He is the proud father of three adult sons: Brett, Patrick and Blake.

Mr. Annunziato was active during his Walsh High School years. He was a member of the Chess Club, participated in intramural basketball, joined the football team as a freshman, practiced with the wrestling team and, as a senior, participated on the track and field team. While maintaining a strong academic average throughout his involvement in athletics and extracurricular events, Mr. Annunziato also worked part-time jobs at The Castle as a busboy and at Leo’s Supermarket.

Mr. Annunziato began his involvement with commodity futures on the Chicago Board of Trade during the early 1970s. For nearly 20 years at Citigroup and its predecessor firms, Mr. Annunziato provided energy futures brokerage services to a wide range of commercial traders and individual investors. He began trading individual commodity accounts on a discretionary basis in 1984. Mr. Annunziato was a Senior Vice President of Investments, Commodity Futures Sales at Citigroup before retiring from Citigroup/Smith Barney in September of 2005 to focus on AAA Capital Management.

Mr. Annunziato retired from AAA Capital Management Advisors, Ltd. at the end of December 2014. He had founded AAA Capital in 1997 and served as President and co-owner until his retirement. Annunziato Holdings, LLC, was formed in March of 2015 as a vehicle to trade and invest personal funds. Since 1991, Mr. Annunziato has also operated privately held companies that make energy related investments with proprietary funds.

Mr. Annunziato is also involved in educational philanthropy. He has long been a benefactor of Archbishop Walsh, and his support has made a significant difference for our students throughout the first two decades of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Along with several Texans, Mr. Annunziato started an education PAC to try to improve the Texas public school system. Initially entitled Texans Interested in Education Reform, TIER has since merged with Texas Aspires, whose mission statement reads, “Every Texas child, regardless of race, ethnicity or zip code, deserves a quality education. In pursuit of a stronger Texas, we advocate for policies that provide local communities with the tools necessary to improve our schools, involve parents and educators, and create meaningful improvements in the classroom. Above all, Texas Aspires advocates for education policies that focus on students first.”

## Rock Around The Clock: 2017 Eagles Gala Auction



This year’s auction will be held October 21, 2017, with a tribute to the “Good Old Days” as the gym is transformed into a 50s-themed extravaganza. The decorations will transport more than 250 guests to a simpler, more elegant time, with drive-in movies and 50s rock and roll. Dinner will be catered by the Brother’s Bistro and the menu will

be home-cooked comfort food taken to the next level.

Items auctioned that night will include Men’s and Ladies’ Olympic Gold Team Signed Basketballs; Sister Regina’s Homemade Pie-For-A-Month; A One Week Stay at Greek Peak Ski Resort in Cortland, NY; A One Week Stay at Attitash Mountain Resort in Bartlett, NY; A One Week Stay in “Sand Castle” in Stone Harbor, NJ; A Four Night Stay in Pittsburgh, PA during Vintage Grand Prix Race, and more!

We would like to give a special thanks to our major sponsors: Dresser-Rand, Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, St. Bonaventure University, CUTCO, The Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels Church, Brady & Swenson, PC, Worth W. Smith Company and Rock City Park.

The evening starts at 5:30 p.m. with appetizers, drinks, and the opening of the silent auction areas: Restaurant Row, Silent Auction, and the Super Silent Auction. The excitement continues with dinner catered by Brother’s Bistro, followed by the live auction with auctioneer Nate Smith (1993 Archbishop Walsh graduate).

A limited number of tickets are available for this event, and tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$75 per person and include appetizers, drinks, buffet dinner, and the opportunity to bid! Dress is cocktail attire. Interested parties can download an invitation by visiting our website at [ww.stcswalsh.org/eagles-gala-auction](http://ww.stcswalsh.org/eagles-gala-auction). Additionally, the auction catalog will be available online the week of the event to view all items up for bid.

# 49<sup>th</sup> All-Alumni Reunion

The 49<sup>th</sup> All-Alumni Reunion was held Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>, with graduating classes from 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012 receiving special recognition. Members of the Class of 1967 celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> year.

This year we held our Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament at the St. Bonaventure Golf Course, with seventeen teams playing nine holes and competing for prizes.

Following the golf tournament, the school held the reunion dinner and dance, beginning with guided tours of Archbishop Walsh Academy and Southern Tier Catholic School and a wine and cheese reception hosted by the STCS/Walsh Board of Trustees. Many alumni took the tours to see the classrooms and reminisce about their days walking the halls. A total of 96 guests attended the festivities, and the gym was decorated in Walsh's colors, with yearbooks and memorabilia filling the space. The Class of 1967 created a special memorial board honoring their classmates who have passed, and we are honored they choose to let the

school keep it to share at other reunions. Current STCS/Walsh student volunteers, dressed in their school uniforms, served parts of the meal. After the meal, Walsh/STCS President Thomas J. Manko offered remarks and thanked everyone for attending. He also congratulated the Class of '67 on celebrating 50 years. The evening finished with dancing and laughter.

We were honored to have so many Walsh alumni in attendance and look forward to another year of memories.

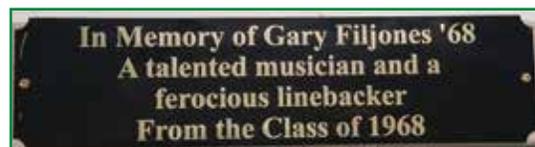
***Watch your mailbox for more information about next year's 50<sup>th</sup> All-Alumni Reunion & Golf Tournament, slated for the weekend of August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in 2018.***

## Dr. John J. Watson '84 Memorial Lockers

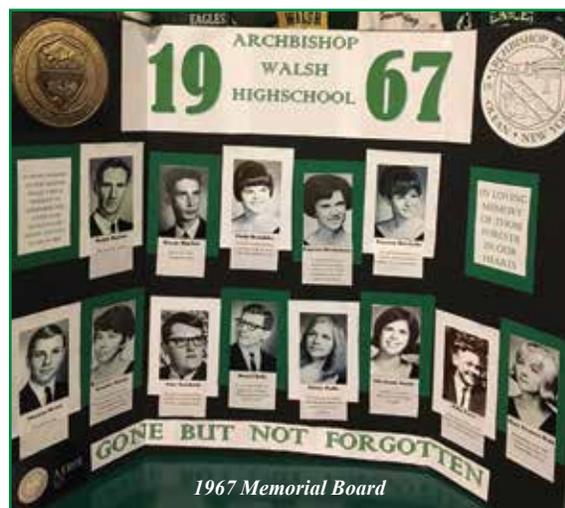
Since the locker dedication was created in June 2016, six lockers have been dedicated to alumni who have passed away.

Lockers have been dedicated to Dave Ash '68, Bill Smith '68, Rob Ruby '68, Paul Stevenson '70, and Vince Bassanelli '71. The last locker to have been dedicated was to Gary Filjones, as a gift from his peers in the Class of 1968. His plaque reads "Gary Filjones '68. A talented musician and a ferocious linebacker. From the Class of 1968."

Those wishing to dedicate a locker should contact Jessica Policastro by email at [jessica.policastro@walshstcs.org](mailto:jessica.policastro@walshstcs.org) or phone 716-372-8122 for details.



*Class of 1967 celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion*



*1967 Memorial Board*



*Class of 2012*

*Photos from the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual All-Alumni Reunion*



*All Reunion Classes*



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