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President's Message

I am pleased to share with you that Archbishop Walsh Academy and Southern Tier Catholic School enrollment has been trending upward during the past four years. Currently we educate 190 students, Montessori through the 12th Grade.

Our elementary faculty has created a K-4 Curriculum Guide that incorporates both NYS Learning Standards and International Baccalaureate Programme concepts. The Middle School and High School is in the second year of International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP) candidacy for grades 5-10. It is anticipated that Archbishop Walsh and Southern Tier Catholic will submit formal application to the International Baccalaureate Organization in fall 2018. Our Senior High School International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) for grades 11-12 continues to be robust with 50 percent of our senior class pursuing the IB Diploma while all senior class members will take IB Certificate Examinations this May 2018 in one or more of the discrete IBDP content areas, i.e. English, math, Spanish, art, science, and humanities.

Our dedicated, professional faculty and staff also reflect our commitment to international education and, as well, to higher education influences. Two of our faculty hail from Colombia and teach Spanish, religion, technology and one coaches soccer. Another faculty is from the St. Bonaventure University Economics Department who teaches our juniors and seniors International Baccalaureate Economics. Our college placement counselor holds a doctorate and guides our students and their parents through the college application process with amazing results. Yet another faculty is an adjunct professor at Pitt-Bradford who teaches Theory of Knowledge to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program students while serving as our International Baccalaureate Diploma Program Director. Indeed, our newest International Baccalaureate Diploma Program English Teacher holds her doctorate in Early English Literature and has taught for many years at the post-secondary level, including Pitt-Bradford. To all of our faculty and staff, I thank you for a job well done!

Academic rigor, religious education, teamwork, significant reading and research and writing and public speaking and creativity and action and service, and athletics, electives, co-curricular activities blend together to create a wonderful educational program for our students who are intelligent, creative, dedicated, industrious, kind, and caring. It is always encouraging when

our recent graduates return from college and address our high school students about the rigors of post-secondary education and how well they were prepared by Archbishop Walsh Academy for their collegiate academic challenges and social growth opportunities.

Archbishop Walsh Academy and Southern Tier Catholic School appreciate your prayers, best wishes and generous support.

Please know that you are invited to participate in as many school events and initiatives as possible. Please contact me at thomas.manko@walshstcs.org or call 716-372-8122 Ext. 1 if I may provide further information about these or any other events. Your continued support makes a significant difference to each and every one of our students.

Thank you, and may God bless you!

Pax et Bonum,
Thomas J. Manko
School President

MathCounts

On Saturday, Feb. 10, four Southern Tier Catholic School middle school students—Catherine Przybyla, Lilli Khettry, Maria Rickert, and Rose Scordo—attended the MATHCOUNTS Chapter Competition for the Chautauqua/Cattaraugus chapter at St. Bonaventure University. Three of our students scored in the top 10 of the competition. Catherine Przybyla placed in 8th place, Lilli Khettry placed in 8th place, and Maria Rickert placed in 9th place, with the team narrowly losing to Allegany-Limestone School. With their second-place finish at the Chapter Competition, the team qualified for the New York State Competition at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, on March 17, and will likely be one of the youngest teams in attendance.



Catherine Przybyla, Lilli Khettry, Rose Scordo, Maria Ricker & Mr. Justin Barleben.

Class Of 2018 College Acceptances



Class of 2018, Senior Retreat at Mt. Irenaeus

This year's Senior Class, Walsh '18, reports excellent post-secondary education admissions. It is to the credit of our students, their parents, our faculty and staff, and Dr. Leslie Watson that we report the following college acceptances to date:

Allegheny College
Baldwin-Wallace College
Canisius College
Chatham University
The College of Wooster
Elizabethtown College

Hartwick College
Ithaca College
Jamestown Community College
Keuka College
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
Mercyhurst College
Mt. Holyoke College
Nazareth College
Niagara University
Oberlin College
Rochester Institute of Technology
St. Bonaventure University
SUNY at Binghamton

SUNY College at Oswego
SUNY College of Technology at Alfred
SUNY at Fredonia
SUNY at Geneseo
University of Rochester
Villa Maria College

We would also like to announce that the students have thus far been offered a combined total of \$1,899,940.00 in grants and scholarships. Congratulations to the Archbishop Walsh Academy Class of 2018!

From The Spiritual Director:

By Mary Lou Plesac

October 24, 2017, saw the passing of a Franciscan friar beloved and respected by students of Archbishop Walsh. Remembered by students as a fine educator and an uncompromising, decent human being, Fr. Roderic Petrie, OFM, taught Spanish at Walsh for eight years in the 1960s and also served as vice principal. Originally from Sherrill, N.Y., Fr. Roderic was ordained a priest in 1959 in Washington, D.C. His extensive educational resume includes a bachelor's degree in

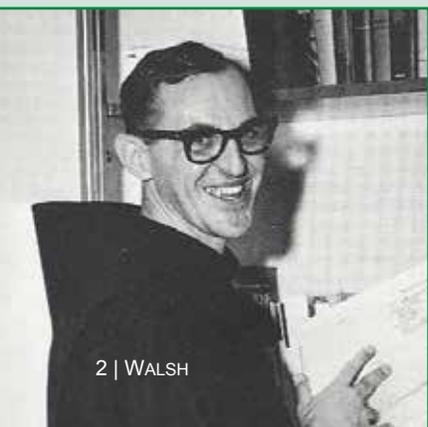
Spanish from SUNY Albany, a master's degree in Spanish from Western Reserve University, and a master's in education from St. Bonaventure University. He also studied Spanish as a Fulbright Scholar in Colombia.

As vice principal at Walsh, Fr. Roderic was the Prefect of

Discipline, maintaining high standards. As a Spanish teacher, he had high expectations and pushed his students to succeed, speaking only in Spanish to his level 4 students. Carol (Mongillo '68) Anderson, an accomplished Spanish teacher herself, considered him very influential in her preparation. She says, "He wouldn't allow us to give up. He never took no for an answer, and introduced me to college level readings."

Following a career in education, Fr. Roderic continued a life in service to the sick, homeless, and poor and served in spiritual ministry, giving retreats across the United States. He died at the age of 88. Thank you to the Class of 1967 for making memorial donations in his honor.

Fr. Roderic will be remembered, along with members of the Archbishop Walsh class of 1968 who have passed away, at a Mass in Walsh's chapel for the class of '68 who celebrate their 50th class reunion. The Mass will be held prior to the all-class reunion at Archbishop Walsh on August 4, 2018.



Fr. Roderic Petrie, OFM

STCS/Walsh 2018 Science Fair



Back Row: Mr. Justin Shumaker; Lena Smith, Kara Valandra, Catherine Przybyla, Noella Policastro, Keely Policastro, Ms. Alyce Comes and Mrs. Lois Housler.
Front Row: Jon Przybyla, Lilli Khettry, Maria Rickert and Rose Scordo.

Southern Tier Catholic School and Archbishop Walsh Academy hosted their annual science fair February 8, 2018, in the school gymnasium, as all fifth through twelfth grade students showed off the projects they had worked on at both home and school since December. The projects, which had to include a research question, hypothesis, and conclusion, tackled everything from creating hydroponic systems and soaps to analyzing the male and female brains and how obesity affects children with sickle cell disease.

This year the judges were: Aben Ramadhan, Dr. Pamela Salzman, Ali Phillips, Elise Griffiths, Samantha Sessamen, Tressa Jordon, Adam Houser, and Marty Meddock.

The winners in the Middle School Engineering Division:

- 1st Place - Rose Scordo, 7th grade
- 2nd Place - Keely Policastro, 8th grade
- 3rd Place - Maria Rickert, 7th grade
- 4th Place - Noella Policastro, 8th grade

The winners in the Middle School Science Division:

- 1st Place - Catherine Przybyla 8th grade
- 2nd Place - Lilli Khettry 6th grade
- 3rd Place - Kara Valandra 7th grade
- 4th Place - Lena Smith 7th grade
- 5th Place - Jon Przybyla 6th grade

The winners in the High School Engineering Division:

- 1st Place - Teddan Shaw 9th grade
- 2nd Place - Jess Olson 11th grade
- 3rd Place - Joseph Ditz 11th grade

The winners in the High School Science Division:

- 1st Place - Samara Lindberg 12th grade
- 2nd Place - Tioga Simpson 12th grade
- 3rd Place - Aliyah Tejera 12th grade
- 4th Place - Genevieve Smith 9th grade
- 5th Place - Sophia Garvin 12th grade

Thank you to Mrs. Lois Housler, middle and high school science teacher for organizing the event as well as helping the students create amazing projects.



Mr. Justin Barleben, Sophia Garvin, Genevieve Smith, Aliyah Tejera, Tioga Simpson, Samara Lindberg, Joseph Ditz, Jess Olson, Teddan Shaw and Mrs. Lois Housler.

Walsh Awarded IB Educator Grants

The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) has awarded three International Baccalaureate (IB) educator grants to teachers at Archbishop Walsh Academy. The funds, totaling \$1,500, will provide additional resources to IB educators seeking to deepen and enrich curriculum content and increase student engagement. NSHSS awarded twenty grants to high school educators nationwide.

Recipients of the grants include Lois Housler, IB Biology teacher; Justin Barleben, IB Physics teacher; and Danielle Michel, Theory of Knowledge teacher and IB Diploma Programme coordinator.

“This grant funding will go a long way to provide our students with meaningful learning experiences outside the classroom,” Michel said. “Archbishop Walsh Academy is grateful for the funding and the opportunities it will provide.”

Each of the teachers intends to use the majority of the funding to subsidize field trips that engage students in practical work.

“While students do need to be able to follow directions and replicate procedures in the IB classroom, they must also be provided with the opportunities for genuine, organic inquiry,” Barleben said.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme was created in 1968 by teachers at the International School of Geneva, with assistance from several other international schools. The high school curriculum offers a balanced education designed to facilitate geographic and cultural mobility and to promote international understanding. There are almost 5,000 schools offering the IB Diploma Programme in over 150 different countries worldwide.

“NSHSS recognizes the vital role educators play in the success of high-achieving students. International Baccalaureate teachers are challenging our students to strive for excellence and our organization is pleased to be able to enhance their efforts,” said NSHSS president James Lewis.

Archbishop Walsh Hires New Director of Development



Joe Sempolinski

Archbishop Walsh Academy announced in January the hiring of Joe Sempolinski as Director of Development. Mr. Sempolinski has been tasked with improving and expanding existing fundraising programs such as the St. Patrick's Day Party, the Gala, Raise the Roost, and the Annual Fund. He will also be initiating new fundraising programs. Examples of new programs already in development are the Always

An Eagle Alumni Giving Society and the St. Pat's Sponsorship Program. He is serving as the new point of contact with major donors, community leaders, and the business community in Olean and throughout the Southern Tier. He will also supervise alumni relations and marketing.

Mr. Sempolinski comes to Walsh from the world of government and politics. He served as the campaign manager for multiple successful Congressional campaigns. He also spent nearly 5 years as District Director to a US House member. In that role, he supervised all staff based in the home district of the Representative and served as the main substitute for the Representative in his home district. He holds both a Master of Arts and a Master of Philosophy, both in Political Science, from Yale University. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts from Georgetown University with a double major in Government and History and a minor in Theology, graduating magna cum laude. He grew up in the Painted Post, N.Y., area and lives in Bath, N.Y., with his wife, Angie, who is a teacher. Angie Sempolinski is from the Portville area and is the sister of a Walsh alum. Joe and Angie are expecting their first child this fall.

If you are interested in donating to Walsh or learning more about our fundraising programs, please contact Mr. Sempolinski at either Joe. Sempolinski@walshstcs.org or 716-372-8122.

2018 Funda Nos In Pace Dinner

To recognize and thank the many people who make STCS/Walsh a success, we are excited to host our 2018 Funda Nos In Pace Dinner, May 19, 2018, at the Old Library Events Center. This year, we are pleased to celebrate the contributions of Sister Rosemary Higgins, OSF, and Mrs. Marianne Laine, Class of 1964, both whom have given countless hours to our schools.



Marianne Laine '64

Marianne Laine is not only an alumna of Archbishop Walsh Academy, but also has been a generous supporter of the school for many years. She has helped make Southern Tier Catholic School and Archbishop Walsh the successful schools they are today by many donations and hours of volunteerism. After graduating from Archbishop Walsh, Marianne earned a bachelor's and master's degrees from St. Bonaventure University and taught secondary English for nine years in West Irondequoit, N.Y. In addition to being

a champion for STCS/Walsh, she has also made an extraordinary commitment to the Olean community by supporting numerous charitable organizations and projects throughout the years. Most notably, Marianne was instrumental in the development of the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University and has volunteered extensively for the Quick Center and especially supported its educational outreach programs.

Sister Rosemary Higgins, OSF, has served many years as a teacher and mentor at Archbishop Walsh. She taught for 13 years, from 1979



Sister Rosemary Higgins, OSF, 1982

to 1992, instructing students in Sequential Math I, II, and III, Mechanical Drawing, Intermediate Algebra, and Computer Programming. Sr. Rosemary was also the Freshmen Moderator for all 13 of those years and served as Moderator of the Pep Club, Math Club, and the Bowling Club. In 1985, she was named

"Outstanding Teacher of the Year" by the Diocese of Buffalo, and in 1990 she was also named "Religious Educator of the Year" by the Diocese. In 1991, she was appointed vice principal and held that position for one year. In 1999, she was honored as "Person of the Year" by the Walsh Foundation. She later supported the school as a six-year member of the Board of Trustees as well as by serving on the Buildings and Ground Committee, the Personnel Committee, and the Nomination & Personnel Committee. Currently, Sr. Rosemary is the Administrator at the St. Elizabeth Motherhouse in Allegany, N.Y.

Please join us Saturday, May 19, 2018, at the Old Library Events Center at 6 p.m. to recognize Sr. Rosemary and Marianne for their lifetimes of dedication. Everyone is welcome; however, RSVPs are appreciated. If you would like to attend this year's Funda Nos In Pace Dinner, please contact Jessica Policastro, Director of Alumni Relations & Marketing, at jessica.policastro@walshstcs.org.

2017-2018 Lady Eagles Basketball

By Coach Matthew Kichman

The 2017 -2018 Eagles Varsity Girls Basketball team had an extremely positive year highlighted by junior Grace Greer notching her 1000th point at the Wellsville game in February of 2018. Grace averaged over 23 points per game and was selected as team captain by her teammates at the start of the season. Grace is planning on playing AAU Basketball this summer and is interested in playing at the collegiate level, working hard this summer to get ready for her senior year.

On a bitter-sweet note we say goodbye to our two seniors, Jasmin Liu and Cameron Howard. Jasi was an exchange student that had never played organized basketball and she developed into a competitive basketball player that started most of the games. Cameron was our senior leader and she will be missed. She was the consummate team leader and her improvement from start to finish was remarkable. Cameron was always at practice and ready to engage the other team members and challenge them when necessary. Junior Mykayla Shaw developed into a competent point guard and ran the offense when Grace was doubled or the other teams played junk defenses. Our solo sophomore was Trinity Jerge who will be working hard this summer to become a consistent scorer and rebounder for next year's squad.

One of the more exciting things with this year's squad was the strong freshman class that included Monique White, Kamryn Flagg, Alenzi



Back Row: Coach Marissa Levia, Aoife Ni She, Noella Policastro, Corie Farwell, Keely Policastro, Payton Howard. Front Row: Saba Parveen, Abby Bailey, Clarissa John, Kara Valandra, Gahseni'de' Hubbell.

Meyer, Kianna Gilson, Olivia Williams, and Gail Patton. This group of young ladies is the future of Walsh Girls' Basketball and word is out that when you come to our gym, you are in for an aggressive, competitive game, and our team will not be taken for granted.

Last but not least, we separated our modified team this year and had our own girls' team rather than a coed team. This proved to be very beneficial to our future program as we had ten young ladies on our modified team that had a record of 7 – 2. This approach allows the young ladies to develop fundamentals and play competitive basketball. It also provides the opportunity to practice with the varsity girls and learn the offenses and defenses that they will be running when they move on to the varsity team. This team was lead in scoring by Noella and Keely Policastro and included Corie Farwell, Abby Bailey, Payton Howard, Aoife Ni She, Kara Valandra, Gahseni'de' Hubbell, Saba Parveen, and Clarissa John. Four of these young ladies will be moving up to the varsity level as freshmen next year, and we are excited about the competitive addition of this group.

Walsh has made a commitment to improve the quality of our girls' basketball program, and this year was a great start. We thank the young ladies and parents that have made a commitment and look forward to a bright future at our school.



Back Row: Grace Greer, Trinity Jerge, Kamrynn Flagg, Olivia Williams, Monique White, Gail Patton. Front Row: Kianna Gilson, Jasmine Liu, Cameron Howard, Mykayla Shaw, Alenzi Meyer.

From The Coach's Desk

By Coach Andy Moore

The 2017-2018 boys' Varsity basketball season was a challenging one for the Walsh Eagles. With a young roster of freshmen Xavier Laverty, Ajhani Parks, and Max Garvin, and sophomores Marcus Esposito, Kameron Ramadhan, Colin Yorke, and Matt Kirkwood, along with junior German exchange student Justus Lingott, every game was a learning experience for the young athletes.

Xavier Laverty led the team in scoring at 20.1 ppg, with 81 three-point baskets for the season, an impressive number for a freshman. The Eagles have been working very hard in the weight room and open gyms to prepare for next season. This was a learning year for the young athletes, and they are looking forward to competing in the very competitive Monsignor Martin Athletic Association next year.

Back Row: Justus Lingott, Kameron Ramadhan, Latrell Butler-Kemp, Xavier Laverty, Colin Yorke. Front Row: Marcus Esposito, Max Garvin, Ajhani Parks, George Lowry.



Archbishop Walsh Military Wall Of Honor Dedication



On Nov. 9, 2017, the STCS/Walsh hosted a ceremony dedicating its new Military Wall of Honor to pay tribute to all Walsh graduates who have served in the military, with special recognition to Ralph Bigelow '67, Thomas Drum '67 and Ivan Febo-Betancourt '67, who all lost their lives while serving in the Vietnam War.

The Military Wall of Honor shares a wall with Walsh's St. Sebastian Chapel, which is named after the patron saint of athletes and soldiers.

"I think it's our duty to recognize the services they've done and honor them every chance we get," said Joann McAndrew, a member of the school's Board of Trustees and Walsh Class of 1972 graduate who spearheaded the project. "By putting the wall there, it's a permanent placement and a permanent record of the students that came here and graduated and went on to serve our country."

The ceremony began with members of the Seneca Battalion ROTC at St. Bonaventure University presenting the colors and Walsh senior Tioga Simpson singing the national anthem.

Joann McAndrew addressed the crowd and made note the significance of the day's ceremony. From there, she invited classmates of the three men honored to come up and unveil the wall.

The group of men, all representing Walsh's class of 1967, pulled the green sheet from the Velcro holding it to the wall and presented the newly dedicated Military Wall of Honor.

Sitting about eye level on the wall, plaques for all five branches of the military as well as plaques holding the names of Bigelow, Drum, and Febo-Betancourt will now be on display permanently for students and visitors to see.



"This wall serves as a reminder for the future generations that walk these halls that freedom isn't free," N.Y. State Senator Catharine Young, whose district includes the Greater Olean area, said. "When our soldiers returned from Vietnam, many of them were not treated the way they deserved to be. It's our job to make sure these people and their families know that they are loved."

Walsh's canonical administrator, the Rev. David Tourville, then led the crowd in prayer and blessed the wall with holy water.

Following the formal blessing, the crowd was led outside to the school's flagpole where Walsh's student body had gathered. Walsh's Director of Spiritual Life and Religious Education Mary Lou Plesac played guitar and led the grouping in the singing of "God Bless America."

Father David led the large group in prayer before local Boy Scouts presented and folded an American flag.

To end the day's ceremony, the Allegany American Legion Charles Harbel Post 892 presented a 21-gun salute, and Walsh's performing arts teacher, Alex Peterson, played Taps.

If you have any information regarding Archbishop Walsh Alumni who served in the military, please contact Jessica Policastro, Director of Alumni Relations at jessica.policastro@walshstcs.org or (716) 372-8122.

2018 St. Patrick's Day Party And Raffle



Our 2018 St. Patrick's Day Celebration was a wonderful success due to everyone's support and volunteerism. Approximately 700 guests visited the school during the course of the evening. They all enjoyed conversation in a fun and relaxing atmosphere with music, dinner, beverages, games of chance, and of course, the

raffle drawing prizes worth \$34,000. Net revenue raised is used to support our academic programs and the Sports Boosters, whose activities directly benefit our students.

This year's \$20,000 winners are Tammy & Kate from Five Star Bank.

Thank you for all that you do for Archbishop Walsh Academy, Southern Tier Catholic School, and the Sports Boosters. You have made a wonderful and positive difference for our students, their parents, and our faculty and staff.



All-Alumni Reunion 2018

The 50th Annual All-Alumni Reunion will take place Saturday, August 4, 2018, beginning with a golf tournament at the St. Bonaventure University Golf Course.

We are looking for teams of four to play a shotgun start, scramble format of 9 holes. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with tee-off at 9:30 a.m. We will also hold an awards ceremony after the event with prizes for several categories.

The day will end at Archbishop Walsh Academy, with school tours beginning at 5 p.m. and a dinner and dance at 6 p.m. Dinner

will start with a salad, followed by a buffet with enticing choices. Dessert and coffee will be available after dinner while DJ McMillan starts the dance portion of the evening. An open bar with a variety of wine, beer and soda will also be included. Look in the mail at the beginning of June 2018 for a detailed event schedule with prices and RSVP

instructions. We will also have up-to-date information on our website, www.stcswalsh.org.

We are also looking for class representatives or anyone interested in helping with the event. This year, we are honoring the following classes: 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008 & 2013.



49th All-Alumni Reunion

Alumni Visit Walsh Students

Recent graduates of Archbishop Walsh Academy came home to their alma mater in December to visit with current high schoolers and share tidbits about their lives since graduation.

Five graduates — Christian Daugherty '14, Selena Clemons '15, Christian Churakos '16, Willow Greer '17, and Jade Swick '17 — spoke about their experiences and memories in high school, the differences between high school and college, and the things they missed most about Walsh.

“Everyone here is your fan,” Churakos said of his high school days.

The graduates offered different perspectives on the college experience, though they all noted that students would need to adjust to some changes in both academics and their social lives. To best prepare for college, Dougherty noted, students need to “get out of [their] comfort zones” by participating in different activities and sports in high school.

In particular, the graduates lauded the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme for preparing them for the challenges they would face in college.

“The IB allowed me to learn those soft skills, like time management, and to communicate better. But it also helped me to academically handle a rigorous workload,” Clemons said. “Even now, as a junior in college, I look back and think about how the curriculum prepared me.”

“It pushes your limits,” Swick added.

The graduates were also eager to highlight Walsh’s unique family atmosphere and kind relationships among students and faculty. “When you come back, everyone knows you — you have your connections with your teachers and they still remember you, even when you’ve been graduated for three years,” Greer said.

“You can come back anytime.”

Christian Daugherty, Christian Churakos, Selena Clemons, Willow Greer, Jade Swick

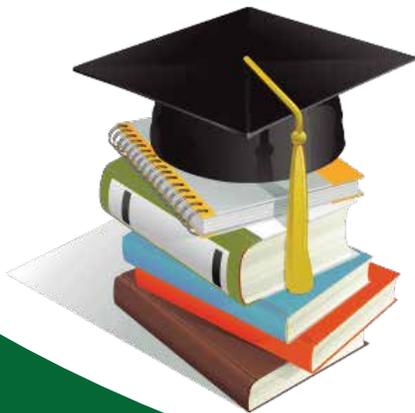




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STCS & Walsh 2017-18 Graduating Classes

One June 1, 2018, Archbishop Walsh Academy will graduate 12 seniors at 6 p.m. in the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University. This year's graduation speaker is Beth Powers, chief human resources officer and senior vice president of Allegheny Technologies Incorporated.

On June 14, 2018, Southern Tier Catholic School will graduate 10 eighth-grade students during a ceremony to be held at STCS/Walsh at 6 p.m.

On June 15, 2018, Southern Tier Catholic School will graduate nine kindergarten students at 9 a.m. at STCS/Walsh.

We welcome everyone to join us as we graduate another year of wonderful students.

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