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From the Alumni Office

For several years now Archbishop Walsh Academy has been teaching its students through the standards of the International Baccalaureate Programme (IB). The IB Programme has grown in popularity, but is still not well known throughout the United States.

Many people in our community wonder what IB is and why we became an IB School. An International Baccalaureate (IB) education is unique because of its rigorous academic and personal standards. IB programmes challenge students to excel not only in their studies but also in their personal growth. Students learn to look beyond the facts: to analyze sources, link one subject to another and question the consensus. Inquisitiveness and interpretation are among the key cognitive properties of an IB education.

However, it is not the assessments of the core subjects but the additional components that stand out in the IB programme, and receive praise from students, teachers and universities. These include an extended essay of 4,000 words, and “creativity, action, service” (CAS), which requires students to take part in artistic, sporting and community pursuits throughout their junior and senior years. CAS is intended to foster awareness of life outside the academic arena. The third requirement is Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and is designed to help the students think laterally about learning and to gain an appreciation of other cultural perspectives.

All this rigorous, independent study leads to vital organizational techniques that becomes more important when students reach university. This idea can best be summed up by a quote from Thyra L. Briggs, Dean of Enrollment at Sarah Lawrence College.

“In our minds, there is no more challenging curriculum than the IB curriculum. Not only does it prepare students for a demanding college program, but the IB curriculum also instills in students a love of learning and an understanding of the truly interdisciplinary nature of education. Instead of working on each subject in a vacuum, IB students are shown how each of their classes connects both with the other classes and with the world around them.”

Southern Tier Catholic School has also adopted the Middle Years Programme (MYP), which prepares students in 5th - 10th grade for the demanding requirements of the IB Diploma Programme. Students develop exceptional learning habits, self-confidence and a thorough understating of their academic subjects.

We are fortunate to be able to offer this program to our students and to the Olean area. The IB and MYP programmes have made STCS/Walsh a unique school that prepares students for the challenges of college and broadens their understanding of the world around them, while remaining a Catholic school in the Franciscan tradition. If you would like more information on the MYP and IB Programme, please feel free to contact me at: jessica.policastro@walshstcs.org.

Sincerely,
Jessica Policastro
Director of Alumni Relations and Marketing

2016-17 Graduation Ceremonies

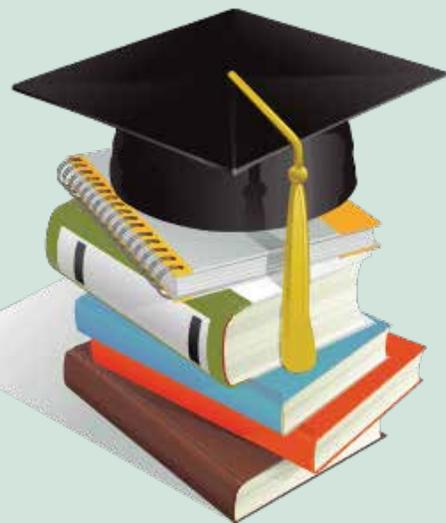
This year Southern Tier Catholic School and Archbishop Walsh Academy are proud to present their 2016-2017 graduating classes.

On June 2, 2017, Archbishop Walsh Academy will graduate 11 seniors at 6 p.m. at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University. This year's graduation speaker is Alfred Annunziato, Class of 1966.

On June 15, 2017 Southern Tier Catholic School will graduate 11 Eighth grade students during a ceremony to be held at STCS/Walsh at 6 p.m.

On June 16, 2017 Southern Tier Catholic School will graduate 14 Kindergarten students at 9 a.m. at SCTS/Walsh School.

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



Bibbidi - Bobbidi - Boo!

Students in grades 4th – 12th took the stage this year in the musical production of Cinderella, Kids.



Cast of Cinderella

The STCS/Walsh drama club along with the Music Program, spent several weeks practicing and planning for their opening night. The musical took place in the gymnasium with the help of the Olean Community Theatre. Tickets were sold ahead of time and at the door.

Though the nerves and adrenaline were running high, the students gave the audience an outstanding and memorable performance. The show opened to friends and family on Friday, March 24, 2017 at 7 p.m., with a matinee performance Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 2 p.m.

Cinderella was played by Mykayla Shaw, who is in 10th grade, and the show was directed by Ms. Jennifer Simpson, STCS/Walsh Drama Club Advisor.

Congratulations to the cast and crew for a wonderful performance.

Honoring Fr. Gregory Dobson



Students giving homemade cards to Father Greg

On February 3, 2017 during Catholic Schools week, students in grades Montessori - 12th

honored Father Gregory Dobson for his 20 year anniversary serving the Olean Area.

Each grade made cards and signs thanking him for his dedication and hard work. During the Friday pep assembly, students gave their cards to Father and sang him a special song. Father Greg Dobson regularly refers to himself as a "simple country priest," but to Southern Tier Catholic School and Archbishop Walsh Academy, he has been the backbone. From the moment Father Greg entered the area he has been a champion for both schools. Today he serves on the Board of Trustees and is the Canonical Administrator at STCS/Walsh.

Annual Science Fair

Southern Tier Catholic School and Archbishop Walsh Academy hosted their annual science fair February 15, 2017 in the school gymnasium.



Winners of the Science Fair

All fifth through 12th grade students showed off the projects they've 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: Mr. Patrick Schneider, Mr. Tae Cooke, Mrs. Andrea Kiehl, Mr. Aben Ramadhan, Dr. Pamela Salzmann, Mr. Francis DeLancey, Mr. John Berne and Mr. Marty Meddock

The winners in the Middle School Division (5th - 8th):

- 1st Place - Xavier Hilmey, 5th Grade
- 2nd Place - Keely & Noella Policastro, 7th Grade
- 3rd Place - Catherine Przybyla, 7th Grade
- 4th Place - Teddan Shaw, 8th Grade
- 5th Place - Abby Bailey & Ruth Scordo, 7th Grade

The winners in the High School Division (9th - 12th):

- 1st Place - Kameron Ramadhan, 9th grade
- 2nd Place - Joseph Ditz, 10th Grade
- 3rd Place - Marcus Esposito, 9th Grade
- 4th Place - Todd Shaw, 11th Grade
- 5th Place - Slobodan Stojanovic, 11th 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.



Keely & Noella Policastro 2nd place winners

STCS/Walsh students in grades 7th-12th along with Ambassador Edward Gabriel



Ambassador Gabriel Visits School

On Friday, March 24, 2017, Southern Tier Catholic School and Archbishop Walsh Academy hosted a reception and discussion with Edward M. Gabriel, who was the Ambassador to Morocco during the second Clinton Administration. Ambassador Gabriel is now the President and CEO of The Gabriel Company based in Washington, DC. Walsh is also proud to count Ambassador Gabriel among its distinguished alumni.

Ambassador Gabriel spent the first part of his visit meeting with members of the Seneca Nation of Indians Tribal Council. He spoke on the importance of a Walsh education and the benefits of supporting the school. Ambassador Gabriel said he was proud of the diversity in the student population and felt it was an asset for the students to learn from each other. After he spoke with the SNI Tribal Council, Ambassador Gabriel went on a tour of the school to reminisce about his time as a student as well as to see the changes and advancements the school has made.

In the afternoon, students in grades 7th through 12th had the chance to meet the Ambassador and listen to him speak of the importance of diplomacy for leaders as well as the importance of an International Baccalaureate Education. The Ambassador gave the students words such as compassion, trust, and honesty and how each attribute was an important part of being a leader. He encouraged the students to take advantage of the IB education that they are being offered. Throughout his international travels and experience he has come to understand the unique opportunity Walsh is giving its students.

After meeting with the students, parents and teachers were invited to meet Mr. Gabriel to discuss their experiences within the school and why they feel it is important to support STCS/Walsh. At that time he was joined by other members from the class of 1968 who sat in the audience to listen to his speech.

STCS/Walsh was honored to host Ambassador Gabriel and humbled to see how impressed he was with the school, the students and faculty and staff. He hopes to visit again soon and offered to be a guide around Washington DC to any student who would like to visit.

Presidents' Message

I am pleased to report that Archbishop Walsh Academy and Southern Tier Catholic School are 195 students strong this year, which is our largest enrollment in four years. Our student body is truly international with nine young ladies and gentlemen attending our school from Europe and Japan.

The Seneca Nation honors our schools by entrusting us with forty-five children. Moreover, our Senior High School International Baccalaureate Degree Program is enhanced with the addition this year of our candidacy for the International Baccalaureate's Middle Years Program. Indeed the Montessori School is the international model for early childhood growth and development. Our Elementary common sense curriculum provides our students with a strong and solid basis for their religious and core values, academic growth and social emotional development.

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 coach Soccer. Another is the St. Bonaventure University Economics Department Chair 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 which provides amazing results. Yet another faculty is an adjunct professor at Pitt-Bradford who teaches Theory of Knowledge to the International Baccalaureate Degree Program students while serving as our International Baccalaureate Degree Program Director. To all of our faculty and staff, I thank you for a job well done!

Academic rigor, religious education, team work, significant reading and research and writing and public speaking, 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.

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 and over \$1 million in scholarships offered to our seniors:

Baldwin-Wallace College
California University of Pennsylvania
Chatham University
Daemen College (2X)
Elmira College
Florida Institute of Technology
Ithaca College
Jamestown Community College
Keuka College
Lebanon Valley College
Medaille College
Saint Bonaventure University
Saint John Fisher College
SUNY College of Brockport
SUNY College of Fredonia
SUNY College of Technology at Alfred (2x)
The College of St. Rose
Washington & Jefferson College

Thank you and May God Bless You!

Pax et Bonum,
 Thomas J. Manko
 School President

Members of the Class of 2017 on retreat at Mt. Irenaeus



From the Coach's Desk

Boys' basketball coach Andy Moore looks back on the varsity season.

The Walsh Boy's Varsity basketball team finished with an overall record of 13 wins and 11 losses, and 6-9 in the challenging Monsignor Martin League. Highlights of the season:

- We won the Portville Tip-off Tournament for the third year in a row. Tavien Kemp was named tourney MVP for the third straight year.
- Our team had home wins over St. Mary's, Nichols, and for the second year in a row beat St. Joe's.
- Tavien Kemp was named Monsignor Martin B league Player of The Year.
- Latrell Butler-Kemp was named to the Monsignor Martin B league First Team
- Tavien Kemp set a single season Monsignor Martin League record with 749 points in 22 games, and finished with a Western NY season high 799 points.
- Tavien Kemp led the Big 30 in scoring at 34 points per game.
- The Eagles beat Christian Central in the quarterfinals of the Monsignor Martin Playoffs, and then were beaten by St. Marys in the semi-finals.

The Eagles will graduate Tavien Kemp but return a good crop of younger players in junior Latrell Butler-Kemp, sophomores Cameron Kitchen-Perez, George Lowry, and freshmen Kameron Ramadhan, Marcus Esposito, Colin Yorke and Zaine Blacksnake, all of whom gained valuable experience this season.

Bottom from left:

Slobodan Stojanovic, Colin Yorke, Tavien Kemp, Latrell Butler-Kemp & George Lowry

Top from Left:

Zaine Blacksnake, Marcus Esposito, Kameron Ramadhan, Claus Oren & Cameron Kitchen-Perez



Senior Tavien Kemp named MMA Class B Player of the Year



*Tavien Kemp after scoring 1,000 points
<http://buffalonews.com/2017/01/19/prep-talk-boys-athlete-week-tavien-kemp-walsh/>*

We are proud to announce, Tavien Kemp, the Big 30's leading scorer, was named the Monsignor Martin Athletic Association Class B Division Player of the Year at the end of the 2016-2017 basketball season. Throughout the season Kemp played hard and scored a record 749 points in 22 regular season games, making him 7th on the MMAA career

scoring list. In December, Kemp hit his career 1,000 points making him the 3rd player in a row to be added to the Walsh 1,000 point club behind Adam Moore and John "Buzz" Watson. Also, during December he had a career high, scoring 47 points in a single game. Tavien plans to attend prep school after he graduates from Walsh this year.

From the Coach's Desk

Ms. Jennifer Sweeten looks back on the varsity season for the Girls' basketball team.

When we look at our record of 0 wins, it is easy to think that nothing good happened during our season. The things that our record does not show are all of the improvements the girls made as a team. We experienced tremendous growth and maturity, which will benefit the team next year. The players started to slowly come together, and began to play like a team as the season progressed. They started to communicate and take chances that they normally would have missed out on. I came in as their coach halfway through the season and was impressed with the hard work and dedication from all the girls every day. We ended the season strong and I look forward to seeing what next season hold for us.

The captains for the season were Sophomore Grace Greer and Junior Cameron Howard. Grace led the team with 371 points for the season, averaging 15 points per game. Kieghrae Hund ended the season with 156 points total, averaging 6 points per game.

Bottom from left: Trinity Jerge, Mikailyn Gronemeier,

Logan Webster, Keighrae Hund & Mykayla Shaw. Top from left: Onyca Charleston, Katarina Iidla, Grace Greer, Cameron Howard, Inez Gilson & Coach Ash



Recognition and Appreciation Dinner

Host Families Needed!



Teresa "Terri" Barie

To better recognize and thank the many people who make STCS/Walsh a success, we are excited to host our 2017 Recognition and Appreciation Dinner. This year, we are 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.

Terri Barie is being recognized for her countless hours on the Walsh Sports Boosters and unwavering support of our school. Terri's children attended Archbishop Walsh Academy and even after their graduation Terri remained involved with our school. She has been a tremendous help coordinating the school fundraisers as well as volunteering whenever she is needed.

We are always looking for local families and friends to host a foreign exchange student in their home.

We work with several agencies that have students interested in attending Archbishop Walsh Academy. This year we were blessed to host 9 exchange students and we hope to do it again next year.

If you are interested in hosting an international student, please contact Mary Beth Garvin, Director of Admissions and Students Life, at marybeth.garvin@walshstcs.org for more details.



Tom Palumbo '74

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

Please join us Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the Old Library Restaurant at 6 p.m. to recognize Terri and Tom for a lifetime of dedication. Everyone is welcome; however, RSVPs are appreciated. If you would like to attend this year's recognition dinner, please contact Jessica Policastro, Director of Alumni Relations & Marketing, at jessica.policastro@walshstcs.org.

St. Patrick's Day Party and Raffle

Our March 18, 2017, 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 and 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.



St. Patrick's Day Prize Board

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.



Matt Frank, Thomas Manko & Gary Nease



STCS/Walsh Gym

Reunion 2017

The 49th Annual All-Alumni Reunion will take place Saturday, August 5, 2017, beginning with a golf tournament at the St. Bonaventure University Golf Course.



Class of 1967 "Seniors in the student lounge"

We are looking for teams of four to play a shotgun start, scramble format of 9 holes. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with tee-off at 9 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 a various enticing choices. Dessert and coffee will be available after dinner while DJ McMillan starts the dance portion of the

night. An open bar with a variety of wine, beer and soda will also be included. A detailed event schedules will be mailed with prices and RSVP instructions at the beginning of July 2017. We will also have up-to-date information on our website at 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: 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007.

Alumni Visit!

Several alumni from Archbishop Walsh Academy spent time visiting and speaking to the current 11th and 12th grade students.

The alumni spoke about what it is like to be a college student. They discussed the difficulties they now face as well as the exciting parts of being a student in college. 11th and 12th grade students were given the opportunity to ask questions. One student asked what the alumni missed most about Walsh and the most popular answer was, they missed the faculty and staff. In college they are one of many and though they have met great people and made friends, they miss the close family atmosphere that Walsh offers. The returning alumni were: Christian Daugherty '14, who is now attending Bucknell University; Trey Greer '15, who is now attending The University of Notre Dame; Adam Moore '16, who is now attending Holy Cross College; Selena Clemons '15 & Brooke Swetland, both of whom are now attending St. Bonaventure University; and Gregor Greer '15, who is now attending Mercyhurst University. The gathering went well and both students and alumni enjoyed themselves. It reminded the current students to keep up the hard work because it will be worth it and it reminded the alumni, "Once an Eagle... Always and Eagle."

Walsh Alumni speaking to current 11th & 12th graders



In Memoriam

Michael Swarhout 1975

Larry Lang 1961

Patrick Reynolds 1969

Alan Camp 1964

Paul Matya, Jr. 1991

Kevin McBride 1971

Vincent Bassanelli 1971



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50 Years!

Congratulations to the Archbishop Walsh High School Class of 1967. This year the class will celebrate their 50th anniversary at the All Alumni Reunion on August 5, 2017. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with the class of 1966.

*John Shine and Kevin Murrin
show off
their merchandise:
Kevin Cruess.*



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