

Saint Raphael Academy Alumni Newsletter

Fall 2016

We are so excited to bring more news and updates to you about the events and alumni happenings of Saint Raphael Academy! The mission of Saint John Baptist de LaSalle is alive and thriving in the heart of campus as well as living on in the lives and hearts of our alumni. If you have not been back to Walcott Street recently, we would love to welcome you back to see all the new updates and improvements, as well as reminisce about days of old. Make sure to visit our website at www.saintrays.org and "like" our page on [Facebook](#).

Live Jesus in Our Hearts... Forever!



Feature Event



2nd Annual Saints Stroll
 Saturday, October 22, 2016
 6:00 pm Principal's Champagne Reception
 7:30 pm Main Event
 Live Auction
 Silent Auction
 Saint Raphael Academy
 123 Walcott St.
 Pawtucket, RI 02860
 Click [here](#) to buy tickets!

More Events



1st Annual SRA Flag Football Game
 - Friday, Oct. 14, 5:00 pm.
 All Saints Alumni are invited to join us for the 1st Annual Flag Football Game. The co-ed flag football game will take place at the Dennis O'Brien Field located at 60 S. Bend St., Pawtucket. Registration will begin at 4:30 pm and the game will take place at 5:00 pm. There will be a \$25 registration fee which includes a Saints Alumni Flag Football t-shirt and one ticket to the Homecoming Game the same night, at 7:00 pm vs. Woonsocket at Pariseau Field. We ask that participants do their best to register using the PayPal link below. We look forward to seeing everyone on Oct. 14!
 Contact AJ Kizekai '05 at akizekai@gmail.com for information or to register to play.
[Register here.](#)



Alumni Revival Night
 November 25 - with Saints' own Master Brewer Sean Larkin at Revival Brewery in Cranston - Contact Ron Dalton '79 at dalr22@cox.net or Kelly Kerwin '05 at kldalton22@gmail.com

Hoopfest 2017
 March 24 - Contact Ron Dalton '79 at dalr22@cox.net for more information

Night of Champions.
 April - Celebrating Saints State Champions - Contact Keri Kozlowski '01 at kkozlo05@gmail.com for information or to sign on to help

Annual Saints Alumni Golf Tournament at Pawtucket Country Club
 May 12, 2017 - Contact Steve Ormerod '75 at sormerod@navigantbu.org for more information

Alumni Wine Tasting
 June - Location and Date to be determined - contact Kelly Kerwin '05 at kldalton22@gmail.com

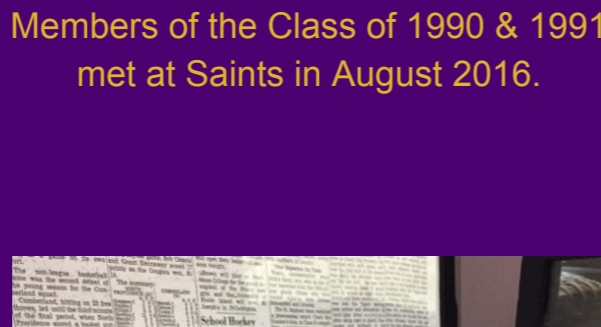
Visit the Alumni events page for more information:
<http://www.saintrays.org/alumni/events/>

Alumni Updates!

In the last Alumni Newsletter we requested Alumni to send updates about what has been going on in their lives. Below are the updates that we received in the office. Have an exciting event happen in your life? Recently get married or have a baby? Start a new job? Share your news with the Alumni Office. Send your updates to mferland@saintrays.org



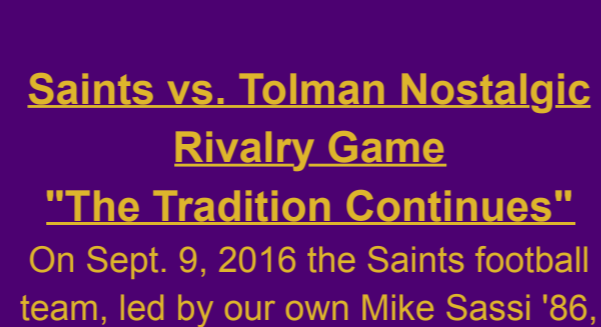
Class Reunion 90/91
 Members of the Class of 1990 & 1991 met at Saints in August 2016.



Class of 1956 60th Reunion
 Members of the Class of 1955 RI State Championship football team visited campus on Sept. 10, 2016 for their 60th Reunion. They presented the game ball, game jacket and picture from the 1955 Championship game to Principal Dan Richard.



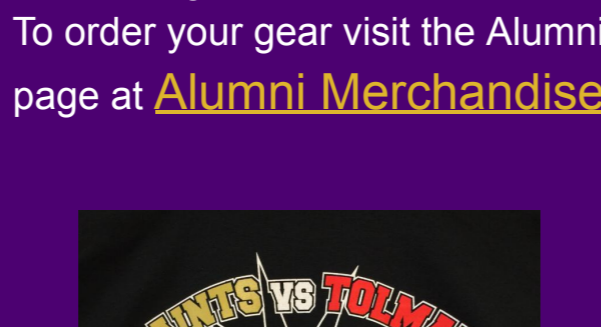
Saints vs. Tolman Nostalgic Rivalry Game
"The Tradition Continues"
 On Sept. 9, 2016 the Saints football team, led by our own Mike Sassi '86, beat our old school competitor the Tolman Tigers 26-6. It was the 77th game played between the two legendary rivals.



2016 Home Games
 Saturday, 9/24 - 1:00 pm EP
 Friday, 10/14 - 7:00 Woonsocket
 Friday, 10/21 - 7:00 S Kingsdown
 Wednesday, 11/23 - 7:00 Moses Brown
 Thanksgiving Game

Alumni Merchandise

There are several Saint Raphael Academy merchandise items available for purchase on the Alumni page of the Saints website. To order your gear visit the Alumni page at [Alumni Merchandise](#)



The Tradition Continues
 Commemorative Long Sleeve T-shirt

Alumni Board

Ron Dalton '79- Chairman
 Kelly Kerwin '05
 Shannon Bracken '95
 Mark McMahon '79
 Shawn Tremblay '07
 Josean Vega '01
 AJ Kizekai '05
 Ken Cartwright '85
 Steve Ormerod '75
 John Thomson '05
 Keri Kozlowski '01

Class ending in a 2 or 7? We're planning your reunion!

Traditionally, Saints alums have conducted class reunions every five years, often with the assistance of our Alumni office. They are held at various times throughout the year at different locations, including our campus. We're happy to announce that starting in the fall of 2017, Saint Raphael Academy will host two big REUNION WEEKENDS celebration for ALL classes that will end in 2 or 7. (On alternate years, we will host classes celebrating their 5th reunion - in 2018, it will be 3s and 8s, etc.) This will be a big blast for all alums, young and older, with activities offered here on campus. Stay tuned for details - if you have questions, contact Mary Jane Ferland '85, our Alumni Director, at 723-8100, Ext. 155, or mferland@saintrays.org

Greetings from Our Principal

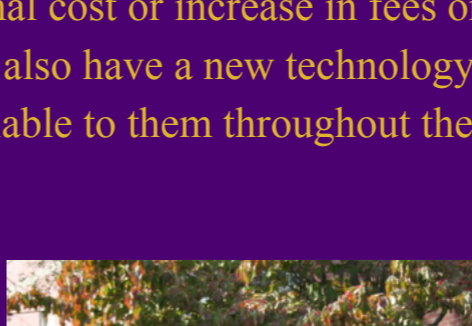
Welcome Home: It's more than a catch phrase or a slogan at Saint Raphael Academy. As an alumni of our Academy, you are a lifelong member of the Saints family. So let me personally invite you back to our campus; come cheer on one of our wonderful athletic teams, or attend an upcoming theater production or perhaps just visit the campus on Walcott Street. Come see the new changes occurring at Saint Raphael Academy. You're always welcome to return home!

Dan Richard

Around Campus



Students returned for the beginning of the school year at Saints in late August. Each student received a new piece of technology - a laptop computer to use throughout the school year. Saint Raphael Academy is the first Catholic High School in the Diocese to provide its students with laptops at no additional cost or increase in fees or tuition. Students also have a new technology help desk available to them throughout the day.



We are thrilled to have two key new members join our Advancement Office this past summer. While new to our staff, they are both long-standing and dedicated members of the Saints family.

Mary Alexandre is the new Director of Advancement, whose affiliation with Saints began in the fall of 2006 when her oldest of four daughters, Lea, enrolled in the Class of 2010. (Lea is now a second grade teacher at Blackstone Valley Prep in Cumberland). Her youngest daughter Caroline is a Saints sophomore; Jocelyn, a recent Salve Regina graduate, is a new Saints mathematics teacher this year. We are fortunate to have so many members of the Alexandre family at Saints!

A graduate of Framingham State College with a BS in media communications and writing, Mary brings extensive experience in the media, communications and nonprofit fundraising and development fields to Saints. Most recently she was with the College Crusade of Rhode Island as a development officer, and was a director of development at Saint Philomena School and Boys Town New England, both in Portsmouth. She worked for ten years as a journalist with East Bay Newspapers and in community radio in Woonsocket. She lives in Bristol with her family and is an active member of St. Mary's Parish there.

Mary Jane Ferland, a graduate of the Class of 1985, started as the new Alumni Director in July. She comes from a long line of Ferland tradition at Saints. Her brother, Edward graduated in the Class of 1972. Her father Eugene and his twin brother Marcel were alum of the Class of 1945. Nine more of the large Pawtucket clan also walked the halls of Saint Raphael Academy through the years including Msgr. Oscar Ferland and Rev. Ernest Ferland of St. Luke's Church, Barrington as well as many of their other extended families. Her uncle, Maurice, coached Saints football, basketball and baseball for many years. Mary Jane joined the Saints Alumni Board in the spring of 2016. She was the Secretary, Treasurer and remained President of the Seekonk Jr. Warriors Football and Cheerleading Organization for six years. She is passionate about the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer and has participated six times. She is also a part time bookkeeper. at Century Sheet Metal Inc. in Riverside.

Mary and Mary Jane (MJ) join Assistant Advancement Director Maureen Hurley, who is an '83 alum and a current as well as alum parent. Their dedication to Saints promises a great future for our Advancement Office, and for the Academy.

Alumni Spotlight:

Tracy Rabar '87

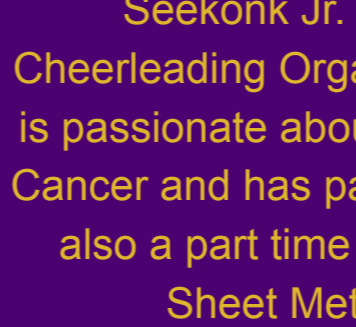
Tracy Rabar, Owner / Vice President , Avenue N Restaurant Group, Rumford.

Tracy (Maddaline) Rabar, a Pawtucket native, transferred to Saint Raphael Academy in her sophomore year where she says she immediately felt welcomed and at home. An '87 grad, she fondly recalls her days at Saints as both "exciting and inspiring." While a student she participated in many activities and clubs and created lifelong friendships that remain intact today.

Tracy attended URI and shortly after graduating with a BA in Communications, went to work in the hospitality industry. With a passion for fine dining and customer service, she built a successful career, consecutively managing two of Providence's most prominent restaurants, Hemenway's and The Capital Grille. She worked for several of New England's most well-respected dining corporations, eventually becoming a marketing specialist and national trainer for ARAMARK, one of the world's largest food service providers. Tracy landed her dream job in 2010 as an instructor in the College of Culinary Arts at Johnson & Wales University. It was only then that she came to fully realize the profound influence that her own education had on her current success.

"There were so many teachers, coaches and mentors from Saints that made an impact on my life both guiding me in the right direction and making me feel empowered to succeed," she said. "Saints was a place that prided itself on the success of its students; everyone was rooting for you." It was this deep sense of connection that made her select Saints for her oldest son. Today she combines her skills of more than two decades with one of Rhode Island's most well known chefs - who also happens to be her husband - Nick Rabar. The couple opened their debut restaurant Avenue N American Kitchen to many accolades in 2011, followed by a second location, The Pantry, in 2013. Tracy is the mother of three boys: Jackson, a Saint Raphael Academy senior; Parker, 11; and Wynn, 5. As an alum and parent of an SRA student she remains actively involved in Saints as a member of the Parent Association. She was instrumental in the development of the Saints Stroll, the school's signature fundraiser, which she co-chaired in 2015 and will co-chair again this year. Additionally, she is a member of the Advancement Advisory Board. If you don't see her greeting guests at Avenue N she is likely to be found on a baseball or football field, swinging kettle bells at her local gym or buried under piles of dirty laundry. Occasionally, Tracy still finds time to explore her passion for cooking and wine and likes nothing more than sharing a glass or two on the porch with her husband.

Avenue N American Kitchen & The Pantry are located at 20 Newman Avenue in Rumford.



Saints Welcomes Erika Paiva '00 as a New Physical Education Teacher

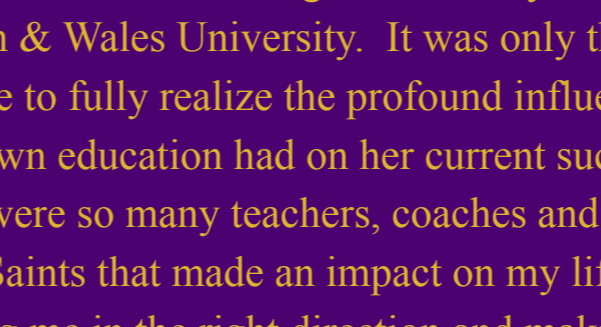
Saints is proud to welcome one of our own, Erika Paiva, back home to teach physical education. A 2000 graduate of Saint Raphael Academy, she went on to study at Merrimack College in North Andover, MA, graduating in 2004 with her Bachelors in Political Science. "I took the tools and gifts I was blessed with after four years as a "Saint" and knew I wanted to be a teacher," Erika says. "I always believed I was fortunate and honored to be a graduate of SRA and knew that it was my obligation to continue that tradition. I wanted to "pay it forward" and provide students with the incredible experience that I had during my time at Saints because "tradition never graduates!" Erika's work experience began at Pacific American Academy in San Diego, CA. This unique school, started by a Hawaiian woman, is a non-profit organization that champions the preservation of the cultural values and rich heritage of the Pacific Americans. "Our school philosophy taught the Hawaiian or "Aloha" mentality that we are all "Ohana" or family," Erika recalls. "I taught in an extremely diverse neighborhood near the border of San Diego and Tijuana. This experience provided me with such incredible students who came from extremely low socio-economic situations."

After spending ten years in California, Erika, a Rumford native, moved back to Rhode Island, substitute teaching in Pawtucket, Bristol-Warren, Middletown, Providence and Warwick. That experience prepared her for the job at Saints because of the diversity and differentiated-teaching structures. Reflecting on her time at Saints, Erika remembers, "Dr. Burke was my 11th grade history teacher. Her passion, charisma, and discipline in the classroom motivated me to excel but also inspired me to be the kind of teacher that gives back."

Welcome home Erika - Saints hopes you are here to stay!!

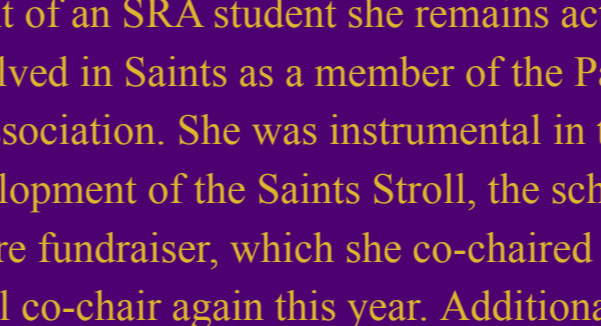
Annual Fund Appeal

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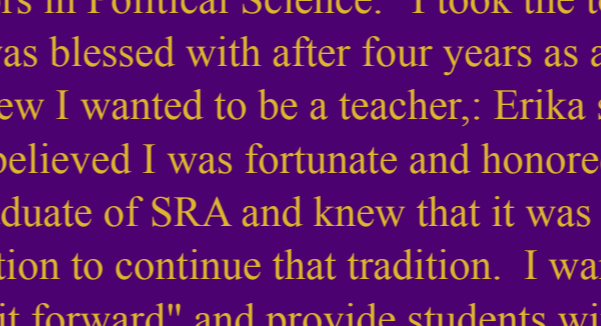
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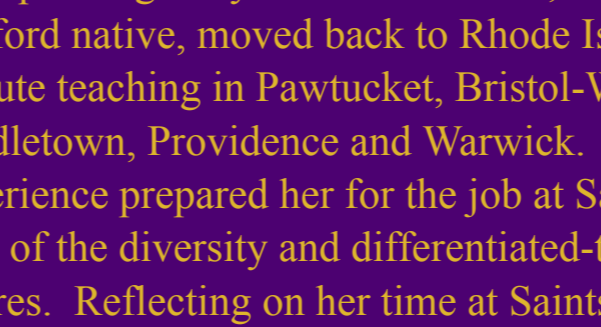
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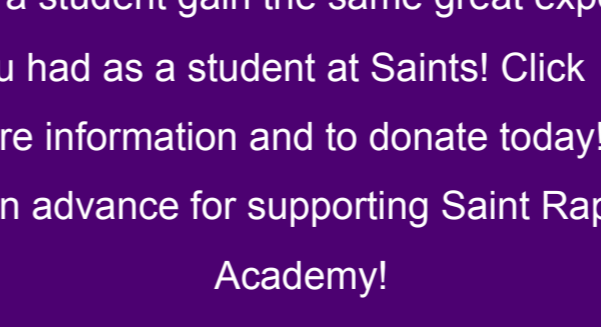
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