



Saint Raphael Academy Alumni Newsletter Winter 2019



Dear Alumni,

It has been a while since we reached out to tell you all about the exciting things going on both on and off campus. From championship sports teams to a perfect 800 on the SATs, we have so much to share!

A Message from Our Principal

Greetings from Walcott Street!

I hope everyone is looking forward to a wonderful holiday season with their family and friends. We all have many things to be thankful for during this season, and one thing I am very thankful for is the opportunity to be part of the Saints community. As the Head of School at Saint Raphael Academy, I have the privilege to work with an amazing group of faculty and staff members every single day. An additional bonus is my interactions with the students at our Academy. This school year they have reached new heights with their academic and athletic performances!

In the classroom, the student body has done a tremendous job during the first three months of the new school year. Currently, the Class of 2020 has the highest SAT scores in the last two decades at our school. One senior scored a perfect 800 in one subject section of the test! As a student body, over two-thirds of our students were recognized for being on the Saints honor roll during the first quarter. All of these student accomplishments take a great deal of hard work and determination to achieve.

The SRA academic performance has been stellar this year, and our student-athletes have been even more impressive. As the fall athletic season came to a close over Thanksgiving weekend, four Saints teams earned the right to be called RI State Champions! The first team to earn this title was the Saints cheerleading squad. For the second year in a row, the team won the "Small School" Award at the state cheerleading competition. Several weeks later, the boys cross country team was crowned Class C champions and also earned a bid to the New England's championship meet with a sixth-place finish in the All-Class cross country meet. Additionally, the harriers had two All-New England runners; Darius Kipyego won the honor with a 16th place finish in the boys' race and Rachael Mongeau also tallied 16th place in the girls' race. The next Saints team to win a state title was the boys soccer team. Competing in their third consecutive state championship game was the charm, winning a hard-fought game 1-0! The girls volleyball team won our last state championship, sweeping the competition 3-0 with a very impressive performance. The boys soccer and the girls volleyball championships were the first Division-III state titles in their respective sports at SRA!

As you can see, we have many things to be thankful for at SRA, and one of the reasons is the SRA alumni who set the example for our current students to follow and emulate. Thank you for being such great role models for our students, and we appreciate your support and inspiration.

In Peace,

Dan Richard
Principal
Saint Raphael Academy

Read all About It!

Saints has a school newspaper again!

Click the cover at right and get a glimpse at the SAINTS SENTINEL. The school newspaper is produced by our students and gives you a look at what's happening on Walcott Street.



Save the Date

Monday, May 11, 2020
Pawtucket Country Club

30th Annual SRA
Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament
Honoring
Gary Furtado/Navigant Credit Union

Register early as this event sells out fast! If you would like to register to golf or if you would like to be a tournament sponsor there are plenty of ways to help. Please contact
Mary Alexandre 401-723-8100 ext. 120



HALL OF FAME 2020

Saint Raphael Academy is proud and honored to announce the second class of inductees to the St. Raphael Academy Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony is **March 21, 2020.**

Dr. Paul J. Healey '49 (posthumous)
Dennis M. Lynch, Jr. '74 (posthumous)
Robert A. Magill '29 (posthumous)
Patrick J. Nassaney '64
James J. Noonan '54
Martin J. Payton '54
Br. Edmond P. Precourt, FSC '63
Dr. Dennis M. Tracey '63
Robert A. Weygand '66

The Hall of Fame 2018 plaque display is located at Alumni Hall, a beautiful testament to those who have honored the school for so many years with their commitment to Lasallian ideals of Faith, Service and Community.

Upcoming Alumni Events



Feb. 7, 2020 - Paint Night with Mike Bryce '85, just in time for Valentine's Day! This event was a sellout last year, so don't miss out. Ticket pricing and details will be on the Saints Alumni Facebook Page and SRA website under Alumni.

Spring 2020

Calling all Alumni basketball players: Hoopfest is making a comeback after a year off. Stay tuned for details to come. If you would like to play or help plan the event please contact:

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Let us take a moment and reflect on those Alumni that we lost over the past year. As a school community we extend our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of those that we have lost.

Mr. Robert L. Adams '56
Mr. Louis A. Cabral '45
Mr. Joseph A. Cherry '66
Mr. Raymond R. Coderre '63
Mr. Francis P. Crawley '55
Mr. Anthony F. Fagnoli '53
Mr. Bertrand Fournier '44
Mr. George W. Gunther '52
Mr. John F. Heaney '49
Mr. Joseph A. Keough '58
Mr. Charles W. King '56
Ms. Rebecca A. Lombardi '86
Mr. John A. Lucas '45
Mr. Richard B. Lynch '54
Mr. Leo A. McKenna '47
Mrs. Beth A. Miller '91
Mr. Raymond E. O'Neill '56
Mr. Robert J. O'Neill '49
Ms. Brenda A. Pereira '86
Mr. Robert B. Reilly '72
Mr. Thomas W. Stott '60
Mr. Frederick V. Whiteside '64
Mrs. Susan DeJesus-Cruz '94

"Live Jesus in our hearts forever."

Did you know....

Saints has a very active Alumni Board. They are always looking for more members to join the board and attend meetings to help plan events. Volunteers are needed and definitely welcomed.

This school year, the Alumni Board welcomes a new Chairman, A.J. Kizekai '05.

A.J. has been a board member since 2014 and looks forward to helping further the mission of Saints.

We thank Ron Dalton '79 for his many years of outstanding leadership as Board Chair.

The following are the 2019-2020 Alumni Board members.

A.J. Kizekai '05 - Chair
Keri Kozlowski '01- Secretary
Josean Vega '01-Treasurer
Aimee Tortolano '94 - SRA Alumni Coordinator
Kayla Colson '15- Social Media Coordinator
Shannon Bracken-Bellew '95
Ken Cartwright '85
Ron Dalton '79
Mary Jane Ferland Denny '85
Mark McMahon '79
Steve Ormerod '75
John Thompson '75

The Alumni Board meets once a month and plans many social events throughout the year which help support SRA students. We would really like to hear from you. Anyone interested in learning more about the Alumni Board please contact: atortolano@saintrays.org.



Have you received a copy of the 2019 Annual Report? In addition to listing our many donors, the Annual Report contains photos and news from Saints! Click the picture to read!

Check off that list

Give your holiday shopping a boost from a stop at the SRA Purple and Gold Zone.

All of your Saints gear can be purchased online or in the store. If you are lucky you might even get to visit with some alumni in store!!



The Purple and Gold Zone is open on Fridays, SRA Alumni Hall, 9-3, or shop **ONLINE.**

Saints, we want to hear from you...

Update your contact information and stay connected with us for events, reunions and to make connections. We also want to hear what's new with YOU. Fill out the form at right or contact atortolano@saintrays.org with your updates.

**UPDATE
YOUR
INFORMATION
NOW**

Christmas Blessings to You and Your Family!



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