### St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

## Alumni & Development Newsletter



# May 2023

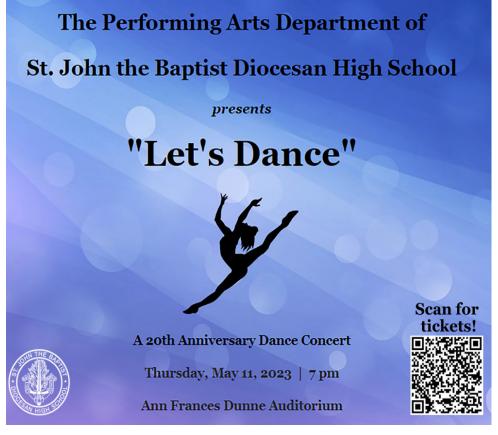
The end of the school year is quickly approaching! As we reflect on this school year, we look forward to the many upcoming events and celebrations leading up to Commencement. While our Commencement Ceremony is an exclusive and ticketed event, it will be live-streamed on our website for all to show their Cougar Pride.

Wishing you a fun and relaxing summer!

#### **Upcoming Events**



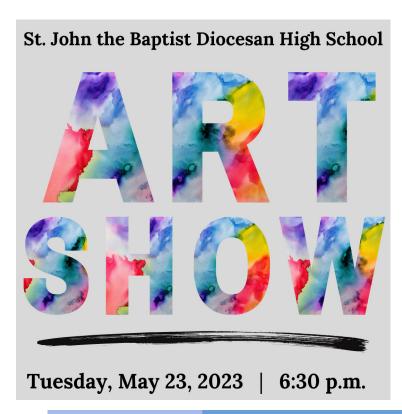
## Alumni & Development Calendar



St. John the Baptist
Performing Arts
Department proudly
presents "Let's Dance"
- A 20th Anniversary
Dance Concert!
Join us for our annual
Dance Concert on
Thursday, May 11, 2023,
at 7 p.m. as we
celebrate 20 years of
the SJB
Dance Program.

Click here to purchase tickets!









June 8, 2023

6:00 p.m.

View Restaurant

Oakdale, NY

#### You are cordially invited to attend our annual Gentlemen's Dinner Honoring



Mr. Edward Hickey Man of Vision Award Honoree



Dr. John Vullo Jack Lessing Meritorious Award Honoree



Mr. James Doran Visionary Award Honoree

#### PLEASE RESERVE YOUR PACKAGE TODAY. A SELLOUT IS EXPECTED!

https://stjohnthebaptistdhs.net/gentlemens-dinner

For further information, please contact Joanne Jones 631-587-8000 x 176 jones@sjbdhs.org



Click here to reserve your spot today!

# Alumni Spotlights!

What have you been up to?
We love seeing what our alumni accomplish.
Send any updates to alumni@sjbdhs.org



Corey McMahon '16 makes the 2023 Irish National Lacrosse Team which will play in the World Lacrosse Championship in San Diego, CA from June 21, 2023 - July 2, 2023.

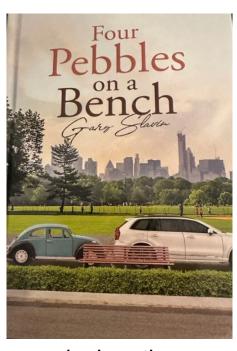
McMahon was also a member of the 2018 team who played in Israel, before graduating Cortland in 2020.

Gary Slavin '71 publishes debut novel <u>Four</u>

<u>Pebbles on a Bench</u>. This great mystery takes place on Long Island!

See below for a brief summary:

George Price is a retired detective who lives in a quiet, wealthy Long Island community. Everyday, a number of residents start their morning with a jog in the local community park. George's instincts are piqued one morning when a woman quickly gets out of her car, picks up four pebbles, places them on the bench in front of her car, and then quickly walks away. The events that follow prove this morning run is anything but uneventful and prompt George to contact a fellow retired detective to dive into a joint investigation.



garyslavinauthor.com

# Honoree Spotlights!

#### Gentlemen's Dinner Edition

## Honoree Spotlight



Mr. James Doran Visionary Award Honoree "Without SJB as a part of my education, I don't believe I would be in the same position that I am in today. SJB provided an excellent opportunity to grow in my

education and in my faith."





## Honoree Spotlight



Mr. Edward Hickey
Man of Vision

**Award Honoree** 

"When I see my classmates who I haven't seen in years, and meet them at a function or social gathering, it's like being at St. John's was just yesterday."





# Honoree Spotlight



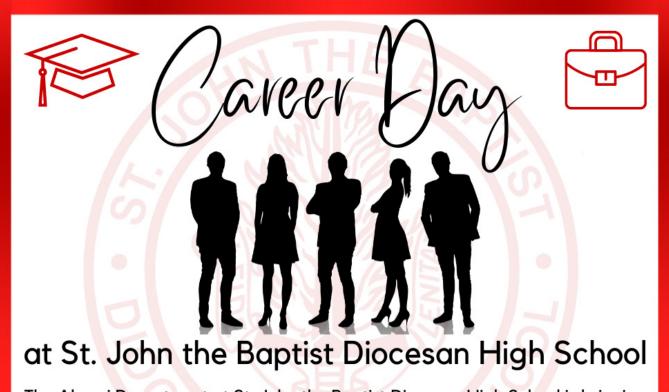
Mr. John Vullo Jack Lessing Meritorius Award Honoree

"There are too many special experiences that stand out over the years, but the experiences we shared with the Track and Field teams will always be remembered. I especially remember the day my daughter Francesca ('12) won the Freshman/Sophomore Champs in Discus throwing and when my daughter Giulianna ('17) won the CHSAA Scholar Athlete Award. Not only were these memorable experiences, but helped mold my daughters into the young women they are today."





# SJB Career Day Update!



The Alumni Department at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School is bringing back Career Day!

Career Day allows former SJB Cougars to once again enter the halls of their high school and educate young minds on the MANY different occupations they will have the chance to further explore after graduation.

Thank you to everyone who has expressed interest in participating in the renewal of SJB Career Day! As planning for the 2023/2024 school year is underway, please keep an eye on your email for details to come.

If you have not completed our interest form, but would like to participate, please do so by clicking here.

Career Day is a special opportunity for our alumni to connect with current students, and open their minds to potential career interests. We look forward to welcoming you back!

# What's Happening at SJB?

See what our students have been up to!









During the Easter Recess, a group of SJB students attended our 2023 Belize Mission Trip, coordinated by Campus Ministry. This was our first mission trip since the pandemic. Students participated in a variety of service initiatives throughout the course of this meaningful and faith-driven trip.







On the morning of Saturday, April 1st, approximately 30 SJB students, in the We Care Partnership Program with Good Samaritan University Hospital, attended a Surgical Symposium in the Ambulatory OR. Students were divided into 6 groups and moved among several Medical Professionals. Our students received personalized instruction and hands-on experience as they rotated through such areas as Anesthesiology, Cardiology, Robotic Surgery, CPR/Defibrillation.and more.

During the first half of Easter Recess, SJB students visited Italy! It was a wonderful trip that included Palm Sunday Mass with Pope Francis, sight-seeing in Rome and Florence, and gondola rides in Venice!



## New at SJB!

New in 2023! St. John the Baptist DHS will be offering a series of Academic Summer Camps (STREAM Camps) run by current SJB faculty and staff.



Click here for more information about our new academic Summer Stream Camps!

## Office of Advancement & Development



Click here for more information about our Golf Classic!



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631-587-8000 x
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## Reunions!



Friday, August 25th

6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Hot & Cold Buffet
Captain Bill's
Open Bar
122 Ocean Ave, Bay Shore

#### Saturday, August 26th

6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Hot & Cold Buffet AO Hibernians Beer/Wine/Soda 65 Champlain Ave, E. Islip

\*Stay tuned for more information about a campus tour and Mass

Guests are welcome for same ticketed price

Package Price! \$150 for both nights

Hotel Reservations (due by 7/25): Courtyard Islip Courthouse Complex (888) 236-2427 (code- SSB) Registration is now available for the

#### SIB Class of WE 50 Two Rendon!

In honor of this milestone, the class is celebrating with an exclusive two-day event. Tickets are \$150 per person and include entry to both nights.

Click here to register.

#### For Hotel Accomodations:

Courtyard Long Island Islip/Courthouse Complex for \$249-\$269/night. For reservations, please call (888 236-2427 [group rate code: **SSB**] and provide the full group name which is St. John the Baptist H.S. Reunion 1973.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane at dpcolgan55@gmail.com.

# Save the Date!

## SJB Class of 1983 40 Year Reunion

Saturday, September 23, 2023 Hibernian Hall, East Islip

Join our Facebook Group for the latest info: The Official Alumni Page for SJB Class of 1983



It's time to celebrate

#### SJB Class of 1998 30 Year Remaind

Join your former classmates for a fun evening, celebrating 30 Years! Tickets are \$40 per person.

Reserve your spot today!
Contact Danielle DeRosa at
516-662-0803 or
DDRNY75@gmail.com



Are you looking to coordinate your next class reunion?! Whether you'll be celebrating 5, 10, or 30+ years of Cougar Pride, we're here to help!

Some tips to get you started:

\*Keep us in the loop! Contact our Alumni Coordinator
(Ms. Jessica Vespa) at alumni@sjbdhs.org or 631-587-8000 x 162
\*Create a Facebook Page for your class (if you don't have one already) and accumulate interest from former classmates who may want to participate in planning as an active member in your reunion committee.

\*Collect pricing information for local venues and brainstorm when and where.

\*Don't rule out SJB! Multiple locations throughout our campus may double as the perfect event space for your reunion.

\*Upon request, we can provide you with your class list and a "save the date" to get you started.

# Stay Connected!

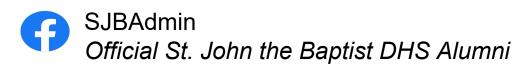
Have you recently moved or changed your email address? Perhaps you haven't updated your infornation since graduation? In any case, there is now an easy way to inform us of changes to your contact details! Just fill out the brief Alumni Information Form on our website to update your records and never miss out on SJB Alumni news.

Click here to access the SJB Alumni Information Form.

#### Visit our website!

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