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From the PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you nothing but well. As I write to you today, my office is filled with the familiar glow of the Staten Island summer sun. With another academic year at its close, I am filled with a similar warmth provided by the Lord's light and another year's worth of blessings shared at our school.

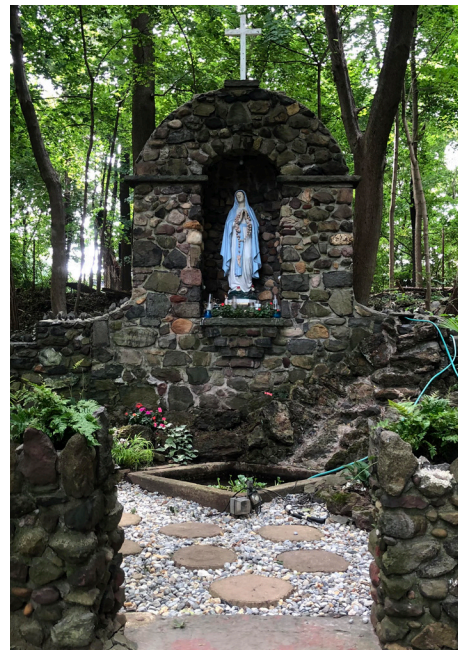
I believe I can speak for our entire St. Peter's family in saying that we have been left with much to be grateful for once again.

As always, I am left consistently amazed by how quickly time passes. It is truly a gift to watch as our young men grow. To witness them discover their place in the world and, at the same time, find solace in God's light fills my heart with endless joy. This includes our recent graduates whose futures are undoubtedly bright.

The same can be said of our school! We are pleased and excited to welcome an incoming freshman class even larger than this year's graduating class. This amazing feat speaks to the powerful belief behind our collective mission and would not be possible without the backing of our incredible family and alumni donors. Your generous support allows us to reach the hearts and minds of the youth.

Please enjoy this special issue of The Eagle Review, and thank you for your continued support of St. Peter's Boys High School.

God bless,



John A. Fodera

JOHN A. FODERA '62
President
Principal, 1991–2017

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From the Desk of **PRINCIPAL COSENTINO**

Dear Friends,

We've finished yet another fantastic year at St. Peter's! By now, many of you have most likely settled into your summer. I hope that this Eagle Review only adds to your relaxation. Our St. Peter's family has had much to celebrate since our last issue.

Students excelled in their studies. We honored their academic achievements at our Honors Night at the Hilton, as well as a great graduation ceremony and a mass led by Fr. Jerome and Bishop O'Hara. Also, well-done to Anthony Bonner '22, who was recognized for years of service by St. Peter's Parish Holy Name Society's Joe McNamara '69.

Senior Tynan Murphy was named a National Merit Scholar for his exceptional achievement and academic promise. NMS students are acknowledged as a valuable resource, recognizing their diligence and success and the key role their school plays in their development, adding to the vitality of academic excellence in our nation. It's a great honor to have had our Eagles recognized two years in a row.

Before graduating, our Class of '22 enjoyed all our classic senior experiences, including the special Senior Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, where our valedictorian, Deron Boniface, was an altar server.

Our underclassmen had fun as freshman and sophomores enjoyed their first field day since May 2020 due to COVID. We also celebrated another successful Alumni Lecture Series. Thank you to Bill Powers '69, Sean Donogue '96, Terrence Haggerty '00 and Gary Giordano '80 for passing on their wisdom to students.

I am tremendously proud to know our young men are making a difference in their community. In April, students participated in the Bread of Life food drive. Our International Night raised money for Ukrainian Refugees. Senior Chris Mastoros was honored for his service to others by the Mid Island Rotary Club and earned a scholarship. Our students also once again helped alumni Steve Hoban '86 when they raised over \$3,000 for his daughter, Claire, who is battling many medical issues.

Eagle athletics saw many victories, with our JV baseball team named JV City Championship Finalists and our Varsity team making it to the semifinals in the CHSAA playoffs. Congratulations as well to our swim team on winning their division title! More to come on our hockey and lacrosse team champions!

Freshman Matt Zboinski '25 placed eighth of NYC varsity in the javelin and second on Island for freshmen. Elijah Campbell, Jaden Hobbs, Ian Forsyth and Chris Prince qualified and competed in the Penn Relays. Finally, Elijah was named one of the fastest sprinters in Staten Island and NYC.

We also had 19 athletes sign to college baseball teams, as well as six for football and four for basketball. And speaking of basketball, congratulations to Thomas Keane, Tynan Murphy and Anthony Kraker, who played the Jacques Game for the best basketball players in Staten Island.

I look forward to another amazing year with more amazing accomplishments to share. Thank you to all who have helped support St. Peter's throughout the year. You are the reason our students and school continue to thrive.

God bless,

**Live Jesus
in our hearts...
Forever!**



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Cosentino".

MICHAEL COSENTINO '03
Principal
Live Jesus in our Hearts...Forever!

FEATURED STORY



CHSAA Lacrosse *B city championship:* **St. Peter's caps special season with 12-3 thumping of Cardinal Hayes**

*Published in Staten Island Advance
by Charlie De Biase Jr., 6/22/22*

Championship seasons are remembered most for the win that secured the title – the big championship game. And while the SI Live excerpt to follow certainly does that win justice, we know that the win for that title is a culmination of hours of hard practice and a season of challenges that our team and coaches fought, won and celebrated each together.

On behalf of our entire St. Peter's family, we'd like to extend our greatest congratulations to this incredible group on not only this amazing victory but every step, big and small, on the road to becoming the 2022 CHSAA Lacrosse B City Champions and the first in St. Peter's history!



(Photos courtesy of Saint Peters Boys High School Sports Facebook Page)



The new kids on the block suddenly have a new prize for their trophy case.

St. Peter's, which started its lacrosse program in 2019, rode the sensational play of junior **Noah Lorczak** (five goals, four assists) and senior **Chris Mastoros** (three goals, three assists) to its first CHSAA Lacrosse B division city championship after the Eagles topped visiting Cardinal Hayes 12-3 in the title game Saturday in New Brighton.

Coach Pat Clyne's team, which also received superb defensive play from seniors **Jake Fossella**, **Dan Corbett** and **Matt Pfuhler** in front of winning goaltender **Tom Tierney** (17 saves), ended its special season with a 10-5 record.

"This is obviously the most proud I've been in the four years since the program started and, remember, it's only three years playing because of Covid (no 2020 season)," said

Clyne. "To see this program go from not winning a game our first season to 10-5 and a city championship — it's just the best feeling I've had in close to 20 years."

In addition to Lorczak and Mastoros, junior **JD Denicola** (two goals, assist), senior **Brian Burke** (goal, assist), sophomore **Jack Lally** (assist) and freshman **James Gioia** (assist) also contributed offensively for St. Peter's.

The top-seeded Eagles, who advanced to the final via a 7-4 triumph over Bishop Loughlin on Thursday, were tied 2-2 with Hayes in the second period after trailing by a goal two different times earlier.

However, Mastoros gave SP a boost shortly after a Hayes turnover at midfield. The senior grabbed a ground ball and headed upfield before depositing a shot to the bottom left of the goaltender to give the Eagles their first lead (3-2).

In fact, the Eagles would keep the momentum going after tagging on three more goals to give them a commanding 6-2.

"(Once Mastoros) gave us the 3-2 lead, we pushed the tempo up even more because Hayes does have a short bench," explained Clyne. "We really started going at them and we were able to get a few more goals."

"We forced them to play defense and wore them down some."

Hayes finally scored again to cut St. Peter's lead to 6-3, but the Eagles ended the game with six straight tallies to solidify the victory — and the championship.

"We have nine seniors on this team that took the lead this year from the fall to the winter and right into the season," said Clyne. "We steadily improved our stick skills and, with the experience they gained from playing four years, they helped organize this team and led the way in what is a very successful season."

BASEBALL



*Junior Chris Polemeni gave St. Peter's a big boost.
(Courtesy of GCHSAA/Annie De Biase)*

Eagles Baseball puts on impressive show in 2022 CHSAA playoffs

On behalf of our entire school, we are proud of our baseball team's hard work and dedication this year. We couldn't be more proud of these young men whose spirit and skill carried them to the CHSAA baseball Intersectional.

Their 2022 tourney began with a strong 16-5 series-opening win over St. Raymond's. "The offensive onslaught began in the very first inning, when **Jamel Vera** and **Matt Jackson** each doubled, followed by Steven Martinez's RBI single, which opened up an early 2-0 advantage," reported Nick Regina of SI Live.

This momentum then carried over into game two, which was much more contested this round. St. Raymond's returned to the field with a vengeance, but our St. Peter's boys secured another win with a 3-2 walk-off.

"After 3.5 scoreless innings," Regina reported, "the Eagles broke through in the 4th after **Anthony Iraci** led off with a walk,

Aidan Donovan sacrificed him to second, and **Ty Mainolfi** followed with a single. A wild pitch allowed Iraci to score the game's first run, and then **Jamel Vera** (2-for-3) smoked a single up the middle to score Mainolfi for the second tally."

"**Dennis Aponte** was brilliant on the mound for the Eagles. He went six innings, allowing five hits and two unearned runs on two walks and nine strikeouts. He recorded six straight Ks in the 4th and 5th innings," Regina continued.

"Jackson entered the game on the mound in the top of the 7th and sent the Ravens down 1-2-3 to pick up the victory. He then led off the bottom of the inning with a single up the middle and then stole second before scoring on Martinez's walk-off single."

In an impressive show of athleticism, our team battled several hard-fought games for a performance to end the season proudly on.



HOCKEY

Congratulations to our signing seniors!

2022 Baseball Signings

Anthony Iraci - CS/

Chris Reilly - CS/

Denis Aponte - CS/

Aidan Kielty - CS/

Damian Van Cleef - CS/

Sean Wing - Penn State Altoona

Michael Zarrilli -
Penn State Altoona

Aidan Donovan -
Penn State Altoona

Chris Polemeni - LIU

Michael Walsh -
St. Peter's University

Julian Velazquez - Iona College

Frank D'Amico - Utica University

Jayden Rodriguez -
Drew University

Charles DeMartino -
Western Connecticut State

Prep Schools

Jamel Vera - P27

Matt Jackson - P27

John Carollo - Elev8



St. Peter's captures CHSHL Mike Mitchell/ Richie Meyer Division championship

*Article published in Staten Island Advance
by Charlie De Biase Jr. 5/12/22.*

Suliman Taipovic scored a pair of goals and freshman **Mike Triano** netted the go-ahead tally in the third period as St. Peter's captured the CHSHL Mike Mitchell/Richie Meyer Memorial Division championship with a 6-3 victory over Monsignor McClancy on Friday at Aviator Sports Center in Brooklyn.

In addition to Taipovic and Triano (assist), the Eagles also received goals from **Nick Liantonio**, **Joe Ricca** and **Chris Liantonio** against the Crusaders. **Greg DiBenedetto** recorded two assists while **Rastislav Girgosko** and **Derek O'Leary** also added helpers for the Eagles.

Goaltender **Vinny Walla**, meanwhile, stopped 19 shots for coach **Dan Blackburn**'s team and came up big when the Eagles needed him most. With the Eagles trailing 3-2 entering the final period, the senior netminder kept the Crusaders out of the net while the New Brighton school's offense saved its best for last.

Less than a minute into the third, Taipovic scored an unassisted goal to knot the score at 3-3. Triano then gave the Eagles the lead thanks to assists by Girgosko and O'Leary.

Ricca added an insurance tally on a shot from the point (assist DiBenedetto) while Chris Liantonio capped the score when he capitalized on a 2-on-1 thanks to a Triano feed.

In addition to Walla, Taipovic, DiBenedetto and Ricca, fellow seniors **Joseph Scaccianoce** and **Andreas Richelsen** turned in solid outings against McClancy.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Dominick Valentine: Lasallian Student of the Year

At St. Peter's Boys High School, we pride ourselves on the bonds we form and the excellence we achieve with one another. When one of our family members shines, we all shine together!

We'd like to share a special recognition to this year's Lasallian Student of the Year and recent Class of '22 graduate, Dominick Valentine, for his impressive list of recent achievements. Dominick has been recognized for his studies, good samaritan

work, extracurricular performances and athletic achievements.

This year alone, Dominick has been awarded the Blood Center award and named the Msgr. Downey Soaring Eagle recipient. Dominick is a member of the Championship Lacrosse team, a lead performer in the School Drama Program (winning Minty's Award for Outstanding Supporting Actor) and even found time to keep our school up to date on the latest news as an anchor for the St. Peter's News Broadcast.

Congratulations on an impressive senior year performance, Dominick! We can't wait to see where your hard work will take you next.

Guys and Dolls: A St. Peter's Showstopper

St. Peter's Drama produced a showstopper this year with their remarkable Guys and Dolls production. This award-winning show impressed audiences and critics alike, with our department nominated for five Minty awards and winning for Outstanding Leading Actor (**Jack West '22**), Outstanding Supporting Actor (**Dominick Valentine '22**) and Outstanding Featured Actor (**Brendan Canavan-Price '22**). This was an incredible show to close the curtain on for St. Peter's Drama Department director **Michael Taccetta** (pictured center above), who is retiring from his position after 11 remarkable years with our organization. Thank you, Mr. Taccetta, for helping us and our young thespians create such magic on the stage throughout the years.





Valedictorian Deron Boniface addressing the assembly at the St. Peter's Boys High School Class of 2022 graduation, held at the Eagles' Cardinal Spellman Auditorium in New Brighton. June 3, 2022 (left). (Courtesy of St. Peter's Boys High School).



Salutatorian Logan Vukovic at the St. Peter's Boys High School Class of 2022 graduation (left). Scenes from the St. Peter's Boys High School Class of 2022 graduation (above/right). (Courtesy of Staten Island Advance/ Derek Alvez).

St. Peter's Boys High School graduates 126 students

Article published in Staten Island Advance by Derek Alvez, 6/4/22

St. Peter's Boys High School held its 105th commencement exercise Friday night, recognizing 126 gentlemen at the Eagles' Cardinal Spellman Auditorium in New Brighton.

Salutatorian Logan Vukovic welcomed family and friends to the jam-packed auditorium/gym, then highlighted his speech with an Oprah Winfrey quote:

"The whole point of being alive is to evolve into the complete person you were intended to be."

Vukovic then finished with the following: "The future will come to us, regardless of whether we are ready for it or not, so we must not let it overwhelm us but let us instead make the most of this opportunity to become the greatest versions of ourselves we can be.

"Each of you is capable of achieving greatness, even if you may struggle to see it now. Your presence here tonight is proof of that very fact.

"Fellow graduates, believe in yourselves and what you are capable of. Believe that even in this competitive world you will be able to reach your full potential. Believe that anything is possible and it might just come true. Be certain to keep the lessons you learned and the experiences you had here with you throughout the future, and use them to soar as a mighty Eagle above the rest."

[View the full gallery of 43 photos on SILIVE.COM](#)

EAGLES *out and* ABOUT

Mike Gabriel *Class of '89*

Executive Pastry Chef Mike Gabriel '89 celebrated his one-year anniversary with Patina Restaurant Group as head pastry chef for Walt Disney World.



Andrew Greco & Nick Hession Jr.

Class of '88

Andrew Greco '88 is with Nick Hession Jr. '88 at Richmond County Country Club.



Jim Winters *Class of '95*

Congratulations to Jim Winters '95 on being named FDNY Captain of Engine 165, pictured with his wife Brianne and fellow alum and brother-in-law, Terence Haggerty '00.



George Cambria

Class of '85

George Cambria '85 celebrated with his daughter Christina after she received her Master's in Occupational Therapy from Stony Brook University.



Christopher Stumpf

Class of '21

Christopher Stumpf '21 just completed his first year with his older brother, Michael, who recently graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.



Richard Bonici

Class of '15

Congratulations Richard Bonici '15 for becoming a member of New York's Bravest, FDNY.





The Jezycki Family

Class of '82, '04 & '07

The Jezycki Family went on vacation together. (From left to right: Michael '82, Michael '04 and Matthew '07 with their wives and children.)



Gordon Evans **Class of '87**

Gordon Evans '87 was with former Yankee Roger Clemmens at SI Ferry Hawks game.



John Astrab **Class of '76**

John Astrab '76 (right) after winning the Red Line Muscle Car Nationals with his 1969 Mustang, operating a 428 Cobra jet engine four speed that ran the quarter mile in 10.50 seconds at 128mph.



Sandy Borello

Class of '56

Sandy Borello '56 and his wife Dotty celebrated their 61st anniversary. They were married by Father Marinak at St. Teresa's Church and their wedding reception was at the Staaten.



Matthew Casserly

Class of '04

Matthew Casserly '04 aboard the USS Milwaukee LCS 5 at Fleet Week Staten Island 2022.



Anthony Antenucci, D.J. Heal, Mike Seta & Al Sferlazza

Class of '90 & '91

Eagles ice hockey teammates from '89 and '91 CHSAA City Champs met up to play a few rounds of golf in Myrtle Beach.



'69 Alumni Farewell

Members of the Class of '69 had a farewell lunch for Rick Lawless (back center) before he moved to the Carolinas.



EAGLES *out and* ABOUT

Nicholas Frederick Palmer

Class of '17

Congratulations to Nicholas Frederick Palmer '17 for graduating with honors (magna cum laude) from Cornell University's Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management.



Joe Reitano **Class of '18**

Congratulations Joe Reitano '18! He made it into his first-choice medical school, The Ohio State University School of Medicine.



'18 Alumni Teammates For Life

St. Peter's Class of '18 teammates, Dom Boccia, Marc Carrera and Ryan Tierney, graduated together again this year from Manhattan College. What a great ride - cross country, track & field teammates for life!



Michael Scaramuzzo & Michael Ruffe

Class of '11

Michael Ruffe '11 (left) celebrated with Michael Scaramuzzo '11 (right) at Scaramuzzo's wedding to his wife Alix in Pompano Beach, Fla. on March 19th, 2022.



Adolph Ferrer, Mike McHugh & Paul Cannavo

Class of '83, '85 & '86

Paul Cannavo '86, Jack Muraca, Mike McHugh '85 and Adolph Ferrer '83 met at Past Gran Knights dinner for Manresa Council #2147 of the Knights of Columbus.





Dr. Robert DiSorgia

Class of '67

Congratulations Dr. Robert DiSorgia '67 on his retirement after 45 years of service to children and adults with hearing loss. He was the first OCA advisory board chairman who planned and taught the pharmacology/ototoxicity course.



Anthony Trimarco

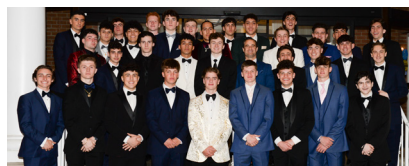
Class of '06

Anthony '06 & Meghan Trimarco recently welcomed their daughter, Eleanora Josephine Trimarco, into the world.



St. Peter's Fashion Show

St. Peter's seniors stepped out in style for this year's Fashion Show. The event was a smashing success!



Joe Seggio **Class of '76**

Joe Seggio '75 is offering a way to preserve your memories and make a donation to St. Peter's Boys High School.

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Bread of Life

Students (with Mrs. Calchi) participated in Bread of Life, donating dozens of boxes of food for Staten Island Families in need. Our boys also helped to load and unload these boxes for Catholic Charities.



WHERE ARE YOU?

Hey Eagles! We know moving has a lot of components already, but please remember to let us know your new address and contact information to stay in the loop on all things St. Peter's. Our current database has a number of outdated addresses, so ask your friends and fellow alumni to send current addresses to communications@stpetersboyshs.org.

FEATURED ALUMNI



Class of '71 reunites for 50th-Anniversary Celebration

The Class of 1971 had a tremendous 50th Reunion the weekend of June 4 - 6, 2021, starting with a golf outing courtesy of Frank Siller on Friday and a track team BBQ at Vinnie Cresci's home Friday night to set the tone for the weekend.

Saturday, we were invited to the graduation of the Class of '21 on the football field at the school where we were introduced and sang the Alma Mater with the new graduates and had photos at the stage after the graduation. In the afternoon, Jack Muraca arranged a tour of the school which blew us all away and made us very proud to be a part of this great institution. Saturday night was the piece de resistance at the Staaten with the cocktail hour followed by a fabulous dinner, slide shows and the presentation of the original score of the school Alma Mater courtesy of John Fevelo to President John Fodera.

Sunday morning was the "Hangover Brunch" at Lorenzo's where goodbyes were said, future plans developed and an incredible weekend ended for the Class of '71. I want to thank all of my classmates for helping make this lasting memory of days gone by and giving hope for the future of St. Peter's Boys High School.

God Bless all of you and go Eagles.

- Joe Finley '71



FEATURED ALUMNI



Paul Ciurcina Jr ran for the Republican and Conservative Party lines speaks at the GOP Headquarters in New Dorp on Nov. 3, 2020. (Courtesy of Staten Island Advance/Alexandra Salmieri)

Retired NYPD detective, Medal of Honor recipient **running for Mid-Island Assembly seat**

Article published in Staten Island Advance by Giovanni Alves, 5/29/22

Paul Ciurcina, a retired NYPD detective, is attempting to take his fight for public safety from the streets of New York City up to Albany for a second time -- this time in the 63rd Assembly District.

Ciurcina unsuccessfully ran against Assemblymember Charles Fall (D-North Shore) for the 61st district seat in 2020.

The lifelong Staten Islander echoed the buzzwords of the Staten Island Republican Party, which endorsed him, such as, “need [for] common-sense solutions,” and ending

“one-party rule” when explaining his reason for running again.

“I want to be a strong voice for the families of Assembly District 63, who share my beliefs that public safety is the foundation for prosperity in our communities, that our police officers and first responders need our support, and that we need common-sense solutions, not radical policies that increase crime and our cost-of-living and lower our quality of life,” Ciurcina said.

The former detective is personally familiar with the dangers police officers face. In

1992, he received the Medal of Honor after saving a fellow officer’s life in the line of fire.

Ciurcina attributes the recent surge in crime to Democrats’ “pro-crime” policies and “anti-police” rhetoric.

“It is no coincidence that New York City experienced an unprecedented spike in crime, particularly murders and gun violence, in the year after Democrats shoved through reckless bail and criminal justice ‘reforms’ in Albany, and continually vilified police officers and made it almost impossible for them to do their jobs successfully,” he said.

“While Democrat talking heads scramble to deflect blame for this surge of lawlessness and violence, it is abundantly clear this is a direct result of their one-party rule in



*Assistant Chief John A. Clark, left, congratulates Officer Paul Ciurcina on being named Police Officer of the Month. Police Awards
(Courtesy of Officer of the Month. Staten Island Advance)*

Albany. We cannot change anything unless we change that,” Ciurcina continued.

In addition to his intent to improve public safety, Ciurcina’s platform includes property tax reform, addressing infrastructure and transportation issues, and to alleviate regulatory burdens on small businesses.

Noting the Mid-Island district’s unique transportation challenges, Ciurcina specifically mentioned the extension of the westbound HOV lane on the Staten Island Expressway and continuing to fund the West Shore Light and North Short BRT as examples of transportation projects for which he would advocate.

In terms of other issues facing the district, such as environmental, Ciurcina spoke of infrastructure changes to mitigate flooding.

“The city and the state need to invest in expanding our stormwater sewer infrastructure, especially in the neighborhoods hardest hit by last year’s storms, including Westerleigh, Bulls Head and Willowbrook, whether it’s through traditional sewer construction or the siting of a new blue belt.”

The retired detective also discussed housing concerns.

“We need real property tax reform and relief so that homeowners can better afford their homes and the rest of the other boroughs are paying their fair share. We should also get rid of taxes that make homeownership harder, like the mortgage recording tax,” Ciurcina said.

Ciurcina served 22 years on the force with numerous units, including the Brooklyn

Narcotics Squad North and South, Major Cases and Staten Island Homicide.

During his seven years as a detective, Ciurcina worked on several high-profile cases, including the murder of Jeanne Kane – whose ex-husband and former cop John Galtieri was convicted in her death; the murder of FDNY marshall Douglas Mercereau; and the arrest of Eric Belluci, who was convicted for killing his parents.

Ciurcina runs a small private investigation firm, which he opened in 2012, where he primarily does work for criminal defense attorneys on Staten Island and around the city. He is also the director of public safety for a Brooklyn improvement district.

Ciurcina is a St. Peter’s High School alumnus and holds an associate degree in criminal justice from St. John’s University.

FEATURED ALUMNI

*St. Peter's varsity hockey coach Ed Blackburn is battling pancreatic cancer.
(Courtesy of Staten Island Advance)*



St. Peter's Hockey Coach Ed Blackburn

inducted into 2020 CHSAA Hall of Fame

*Quoted selections from article published in
Staten Island Advance
by Jerry Lee, 6/27/22*

Honors don't often come as deserving as this. We are incredibly proud to celebrate St. Peter's Hockey Coach Ed Blackburn on his recent induction into the 2020 CHSAA Hall of Fame! Ed has shown incredible strength and commitment to all in his life, going so far as to continue coaching our young men throughout his battle against cancer.

Thank you to Jerry Lee from SI Live for covering this amazing moment:

"The former NYPD officer retired in 2002 and started his ice hockey coaching career at St. Peter's two years later. For him, that meant more than teaching the Xs and Os to his players. It meant being a leader and getting involved in helping others. Need a fundraiser for cancer or a winter coat drive for the homeless? Blackburn and the Eagles were there. And his team's fundraising efforts for the Long Island Rough Riders sled hockey program is his pride and joy,

and the charity game was resumed this year after a two-year pandemic absence.

The Westerleigh resident's life changed when he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in March of 2019.

For most people that diagnosis is a death sentence. But the cancer didn't know it picked on the wrong guy. He was, and still is, a fighter.

He underwent an intense eight-session treatment plan which featured three straight days of 24-hour infusions every two weeks. That was followed by five days of intense radiation. The 64-year-old took so many body punches (he lost 50 pounds) he would have made Muhammed Ali proud ... and he kept getting up. There were, however, many a day when his wife or son Shane had to carry him up the stairs to bed or walk with him in the living room when sleeping became impossible.



St. Peter's hockey coach Ed Blackburn gives his acceptance speech at the CHSAA Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

(Photo courtesy of Mark DeCristoforo/silive.com)

The treatments shrunk the tumor 65 percent from the size it was which made it operable. The majority of his pancreas and all of his spleen were removed during the ensuing surgery. That makes him a high risk due to the threat of Covid (he has had four vaccinations).

And now, he sings the praises of the people at NYU Langone's Pearlmuter Cancer Center in Manhattan profusely, continues his immunotherapy, takes his chemo pills and well ... he lives!

Just a few months ago, his doctors informed him of something else.

"They told me I could use the R-word," Blackburn said. "The cancer is officially in remission."

The fight may not be over, but he has clearly won a bunch of rounds.

"It makes you appreciate life so much more," Blackburn said. "The doctors have been amazing and I just try to live every day as if it is my last. I actually think the mental part is the hardest. You can't give up. You have to refuse to give in so you can last longer."

One other thing ... throughout his whole ordeal, Blackburn was still coaching his beloved Eagles' hockey team! OK, he may have missed a few games in 2021 but who's counting.

The HOF honor is just a little reward.

"I was completely shocked, surprised and humbled when I learned of this selection two years ago," Blackburn said. "Coaches don't say I want to get in the Hall of Fame, maybe some players do, but I'm just happy to be coaching. I love it and, as long as the good Lord lets me, I will continue to do it."



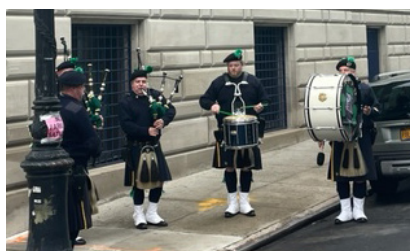
Editor's Note

St. Peter's Boys High School would like to thank the Staten Island Advance for their continued dedication to the school and alumni. Their coverage of our activities both on and off campus is invaluable.

FEATURED ALUMNI



DA Michael McMahon and Kathleen Murphy along with family and friends unveil the new building sign at 126 Stuyvesant Place.
(Courtesy of Staten Island Advance/David Luces)



NYPD Pipes and Drums performs at the renaming ceremony on Dec. 18, 2021.
(Courtesy of Staten Island Advance/David Luces)

Building housing Justice Center renamed after D.A. William Murphy '62 in ceremony

Article published in Staten Island Advance by David Luces, 12/18/21

The Staten Island Family Justice Center in St. George will now bear the name of William L. Murphy, S.I.'s longest-serving district attorney, following a renaming ceremony in front of the building at 126 Stuyvesant Place Saturday afternoon.

Those who knew Murphy said he lived a life dedicated to justice for decades in the borough.

"As we celebrate this moment, we have to think of the impact Bill Murphy had on the community and each of us individually," District Attorney Michael McMahon said. "I knew Bill throughout my career as an attorney and as a personal friend. He touched all our lives."

Kathleen Murphy, the late district attorney's wife, said, "Bill Murphy and justice are synonymous."

"He told when he was 18 going off to Fordham [University], that he was going to be the DA of Staten Island," she added. "He did what he said he was going to do."

Murphy became acting district attorney in 1982 after his predecessor, Thomas Sullivan, resigned to become a judge. Former Gov. Mario Cuomo appointed him as district attorney the following year.

He went on to win five consecutive elections and served as district attorney for 20 years. During his time in office, Murphy

prosecuted a number of high-profile cases, including kidnapper and suspected killer Andre Rand and cop killer Ronell Wilson, after whose conviction Murphy shortly retired in 2003.

After a long-fought battle with kidney disease, Murphy passed away in 2010.

Highlights of the ceremony include a performance of 'God Bless America' from Terry Tarangelo of Huguenot and a performance from the NYPD's Bags and Pipes Band.

Other speakers at the event spoke on Murphy's legacy.

Assemblyman Michael Cusick (D-Mid Island), whose own family has known the Murphy's for decades, said:

"Bill Murphy, in many ways, is important to my family and me. The family ties are what bind us, but it was also Bill, my uncle, and my dad who I think are responsible for me being in public service."

IN MEMORIAM



DREW CHRISTIANSEN, S.J. '62 passed away on April 6, 2022, at the age of 77. While on this earth, Drew was known as a soft-spoken scholar who took on one of the most difficult jobs ever faced by an American Jesuit.

Drew served as editor-in-chief for America magazine, a position he was placed in by the Jesuit Conference of the United States. As a well-respected theologian, he never set out for this position, but was regarded as the editor-in-chief the publication needed. His curriculum vitae was vast: He had served as director of the Office of International Justice and Peace of the U.S. Catholic Conference (now the United States

Conference of Catholic Bishops); and he had taught at the Jesuit School of Theology/Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley and the University of Notre Dame, where he was a member of the founding team of the Kroc Institute of International Peace Studies.

During his career in faith, Drew would serve as director of the Office of International Justice and Peace of the U.S. Catholic Conference and be named a canon of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem for this service to the Holy Land. Drew was a scholar, an editor and a faithful priest, among other things.

JOHN-ANTHONY FENIMORE II '90 passed away on May 26, 2022. John was born and raised in Staten Island, later settling in Howell. After graduating from St. Peter's, John received his associate's degree from Mount Saint Mary College, where he played on the school's soccer team. He was an avid sports fan who rooted for the Yankees and the Jets. John was kind-hearted, helpful in his community and very involved in his kids' activities.

JOHN A. VIGLIOTTI '67 passed away on May 4, 2022. John was a retired FDNY lieutenant of Engine Company 15 who bravely assisted in efforts during the 9/11 Attacks. John served his company throughout an impressive 29-year career.

DESMOND M. CARTER '06 recently passed away. Despite facing medical issues, Desmond carried on throughout his academics and career, later donating his eyes following death and making it possible for another to see.

RICHARD THOMAS FORYEN '62 passed away on April 17, 2022. Richard achieved much academic success throughout his life, obtaining a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Maryland before joining the faculty at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. During his tenure, Richard authored many research publications, including his textbook "Macroeconomics: Theories and Policies," which is currently in its tenth edition.

VINCENT THOMAS MCDONOUGH '72 passed away on April 16, 2022. During his career, Vincent worked in NJ law enforcement before joining the NYC Department of Sanitation. It was here he assisted with clean-up efforts after the 9/11 Attacks, hauling debris on barges to Staten Island for many months. Vincent was a history buff, numismatic, golfer and fisherman.



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A selection of tweets from @StPetersBoysHS principal Cosentino.

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Michael Cosentino @Principal_Cos • Jun 5

As I reflect on this weekend's Graduation ceremony, I can't help but feel blessed to be a part of the 105th @StPetersBoysHS @STP_Eagles.

Live Jesus In Our Hearts... Forever!!!



Michael Cosentino @Principal_Cos • Apr 14

Eagle Strong!!! Class of 2026 from IS 7. Big thanks to IS 7 AP @VinVerdig7 '98. The Pride Lasts Forever!!! @StPetersBoysHS @STP_Eagles.



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Junior Italian Class on a field trip to get a hands on cultural experience at Patricia's @StPetersBoysHS @STP_Eagles



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Great Lecture today by Bill Powers '69 @StPetersBoysHS @STP_Eagles on his life work with At Risk Youth. Key Takeaways

"Go with your heart not your head"

"Don't be afraid to volunteer you may pick something up"

"Don't be afraid to take leaps and set goals"



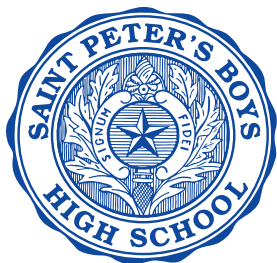
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St. Peter's Fashion Show last night was a huge success thanks to our wonderful Current and Alumni Parents @StPetersBoysHS @STP_Eagles



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