

# THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT

## 2019 GOLF OUTING

The annual Golf Classic was held on Friday, May 17th at Rock Hill Country Club in Manorville. The day started off looking like it would rain and cancel the day of golf, but soon after registration the sun appeared and allowed the golfers to enjoy a beautiful day on the course. The event was led by chairman, Mike Racanelli of Racanelli Construction Company, Inc. and was a sellout weeks before the outing with a full field of golfers. The event raised almost \$70,000 for St. John the Baptist. The day included fabulous prize packages and Challenge the Chaplain, Challenge the Cougar along with a Hula Hoop contest, Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive and the Hole in One featuring a lease on a Ford vehicle.



The event was sponsored by many generous donors that included Jimmy Dunne, Racanelli Construction Company, Bradley Marketing Group, BSN Sports, the LONIGRO Family, Lessing's Food Service Management, The Landtek Group, Inc., Mechanical Solutions, Inc. Heating & Air Conditioning, Lite & Russell, The Mihalik Group at Morgan Stanley, Reliable Fence & Supply, Damiano's Realty Group, George Fisher, Class of 1970, Island Industrial Boiler, Local 138, Double R Contracting, Inc., Netter Real Estate, Freedom Mortgage, MBI, Jenco Associates, Queens Concrete and Ocean Janitorial Supplies.

Many other friends of St. John's supported the efforts through foursomes, golfers, Pin Flag, Tee Signs and the donation of many prizes.

Watch your mailbox for the Save the Date for the 2020 Golf Classic.



## MEN OF VISION - GENTLEMEN'S DINNER

The Men of Vision - Gentlemen's Dinner was held on Tuesday, June 18th at the View Restaurant in Oakdale. The torrential rain throughout the day did not dampen the spirits of our honorees and almost 200 guests in attendance. This year's honorees included Charles "Chick" Ferraro who was awarded the Jack Lessing Meritorious Service Award for his years of support of St. John's and its mission. Chick was joined by many members of his family and friends and received a standing ovation. This year he will celebrate his 80th birthday and his 60th wedding anniversary with his wife, Barbara.



We honored 2 Men of Vision as well, Joe Hickey from the Class of 1975 and Steven Kuehhas from the Class of 1979. Each of these Men of Vision has contributed to St. John's throughout the years in many areas including our annual events, career day and the alumni & development committees. Each was joined by family members and included tributes to their moms who have both recently passed away.



A new award was established this year to pay tribute and attract the younger SJB alum and get them involved in future successes. This award, The Visionary Award, the Next Generation of Leadership was given to Benjamin Mihalik from the Class of 2007. Ben

has not ventured too far from St. John's since graduation and is a member of the Golf Classic committee as well as the Gentlemen's Dinner Committee. He has been instrumental in revitalizing the Board of Advisors and currently is the chairman of the board.



The event sponsors included; Crown Royal Ventures, J. Kings Food Service, The Ferraro Family, Lessing's, Stephen J. McGiff, Esq., DiOrio & Laudenschlager Families, Loyal Building Services, Inc., The Hickey Family, The Mihalik Group at Morgan Stanley, Racanelli Construction Co., Inc., Island Industrial Boiler and Gallagher Insurance. The event was also supported by many families and Alumni who graduated from St. John's throughout the years. Many of those in attendance are 2nd and now 3rd generation of those who support SJB.



New to this year's event was a Super Silent Auction which featured 4 premier prize packages that included 24 tickets in a luxury suite to a NY Jets game, courtesy of Steve Lessing, Dinner for 12 in your home, courtesy of J. Kings and Dinner for 12 at the View Restaurant, courtesy of Lessing's.

## HELP WANTED

The Development Department is looking for new volunteers to join the Taste for Education Planning Team. After many years of coordinating this wonderful food tasting event, the 3 co-chairs; Jeannine Ferraro, Margaret Maloney and Jen Portera have retired from their role leading this event. This year's Taste for Education will be held on Tuesday, October 8th in the Cougar Café. Please contact Joanne Jones at [jones@sjbdhs.org](mailto:jones@sjbdhs.org) or 631-587-8000 ext. 176. to join this team. A planning team meeting is tentatively scheduled for the end of August.



## WAYS TO SUPPORT SJB AND LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

### Naming Opportunities

Walter D. Lace Tennis Complex



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Cougar Softball Complex | Cougar Baseball Complex



Athletic Banner Campaign

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For further information or to place your order please contact [jones@sjbdhs.org](mailto:jones@sjbdhs.org)

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### HOW TO GET INVOLVED!

Contact 631-587-8000 ext. 176 or [jones@sjbdhs.org](mailto:jones@sjbdhs.org) lend your time, talents and resources to the wonderful activities & events at SJB!

### ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Golf Classic



Men of Vision  
Gentlemen's Dinner



Taste for  
Education



"Pack out for  
the Troops"