

# FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

## THE DARK ROOM

In addition to the ability to learn graphic design and digital editing skills, our students are fortunate to be able to be able to learn photography basics during our Photo 1 class. Using film cameras with no settings to adjust, students are learning valuable skills, like how to use natural lighting to create highlights and shadows within their photographs. They can later apply these valuable skills to digital photography.



## PERFORMING FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The SJB Drama Club visited St. Paul II Regional School and performed for their students!



## DANCE COMPANY

SJB Dance Company, under the direction of Mrs. Renee Sussman, performed at the 12th

Annual Invitational at Lincoln Center on Sunday, January 20th.

The performance was sponsored by Performing Arts Educators, a Florida based organization whose mission is to give students



opportunities to perform in iconic venues. Mrs. Sussman and the SJB Dance Company have worked with Performing Arts Educators for over a decade. They have performed at Lincoln Center and Carnegie

Hall many times with PAE over the years.

## SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER!



The Tri-M Music Honor Society spread some Christmas cheer by performing Christmas carols for the residents of Our Lady of Consolation.

## CONDUCTING OUTSIDE OF SJB

Chris Donohue, Chairperson of the SJB Performing Arts Department, was chosen as guest conductor of the Nassau Music Educators Association All-County Division II Jazz Band at the Tilles Center.



# BE OUR GUEST... THE SPRING MUSICAL

## BEAUTY & THE BEAST

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School performed Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* this school year (March 8th -10th.) From the captivating scenic design, to the brilliant costuming, it was easy to see how the audience got lost in the songs; many sung along quietly in the audience. This 'tale as old as time' was a glorious re-imagination of the classic storybook tale. The talented cast and crew were spectacular and truly left the audience spellbound. We interviewed three of the Senior cast members from this year's production. Julianna Rezza, who played the part of Belle stated, "this show was, by far, my favorite one that I've done here at St. John's. The cast, crew, and production team all worked together very well and had great chemistry. I'm so proud of what we were all able to accomplish together." William A. Brennan was cast as the Beast. When asked how he was able to portray the Beast and his volatile temper, Will said, "I honestly don't really know how I was able to get into the character. One thing that I tried that seemed to work was growling at people as I walked the halls." Jack DeNicola played the role of Gaston, the main antagonist. Jack prepared for the role by watching several film adaptions of the production. He stated, "I always wanted to play Gaston and was I really excited when I got the opportunity. I worked extremely hard to prepare and was very happy with my performance, and the overall performance of the cast and crew." All three seniors agreed that this show, being their last, was the most emotional. They also extended their gratitude to the rest of the cast and crew on their hard work and dedication. Special thanks to the production team of Ms. Arpino, *Director*, Mr. Whitfield, *Producer*, Mr. Burns, *Choreographer*, Mr. Mankowski, *Music Director*, and Mrs. Luhmann, *Stage Crew Manager*.

**JOB WELL DONE!**

