



AROUND SJB



VIDEO GAME COMPETITION

SJB held their 1st Video Game Competition. 64 students among grades 9-12 competed against their peers in *Nintendo's Mario Kart*. Various rooms throughout the Library were used, but the Library's new Media Wall was the main attraction for the competition! The competition was a fundraiser for the Astronomy Club to purchase their first Solar Telescope. The next competition will be held in the Spring. Date TBA.

To view the full album of photos, please visit SJB's Facebook page: [@SJBAdmin](#)



TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

Twenty three students from Ms. Hall's 11 AP Literature class attended the afternoon performance of *To Kill a Mockingbird* on Broadway, along with Mr. and Mrs. Arpino. After the show the group enjoyed a delicious meal at *Carmine's Restaurant*.



SPANISH CLASSES HEAD TO BROADWAY!

SJB's Spanish 4 and Spanish 5 classes headed into New York City to attend a showing of the *Carmen Rivera, La Gringa*, at the *Repertorio Español Theater*. The students all had the opportunity for a Q&A session with the actors afterwards, and time for photo opportunities as well!



SCIENCE TRIP TO STONY BROOK DNA LAB

Sr. Marie Happ, Mrs. Besendorfer, Mr. Krebs, and Ms. Cantelmo took a total of 102 students (over a span of two days) from the Advanced AP and SJU Biology classes to *Stony Brook University*. There, the students utilized SBU's labs to perform "restriction enzyme analysis of DNA" or "DNA fingerprinting." This involved cutting the DNA with enzymes and separating it by gel electrophoresis.



GLOBAL AMBASSADORS DONATE TO UNICEF

SJB's UTP's "Global Ambassadors' Club" held an International Film Festival to raise money for *UNICEF*. They showed 3

movies: *The Intouchables*, *Along With the Gods (the 2 Worlds)*, and *Hector and the Search for Happiness*. Everyone who attended received a bag of popcorn and was eligible for numerous raffles held that day. The donations helped children from all over the world.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL & SJB COLLABORATE

SJB's Media News Network students are continuing to give back through a partnership with the non-for-profit agency, *St. Vincent de Paul*, but this isn't the first time SJB + NMM + SVdP have worked together. Similarly to the past, SJB students have been recruited to create a video for SVdP. The video will highlight the wonderful services they provide for their local communities. Recently Terri Zenobio and Erin Geier, *Public Relations*, from SVdP, visited SJB to brainstorm with our NMM students. We look forward to seeing what they create!



Train Club

The SJB Train Club had a special visit from Alumni, and current Railroad employee, Michael Rowan. Club President, William Reed, and Club Advisor, Mrs. Chadzutko, arranged for Mr. Rowan to come to speak with our Train Club about working for the Railroad and the history of trains. Thank you Mr. Rowan!



PROJECT LEAD THE WAY: COMING TO SJB

The closing of Mercy McGann brought heartache to its' alumni, families, and students, but with its loss, SJB was fortunate to receive, not only some of their amazing students, but their *Project Lead the Way* program, as well. *Project Lead the Way*, otherwise known as PLTW, is a (minimum) four-year sequence program for high school students, crafted by the *Rochester Institute of Technology* (RIT) focusing on the field of Engineering.

Beginning next Fall ('19) students, including the Freshman Class of '23, will be afforded the opportunity to register for entrance class of the series, *Introduction to Engineering Design* (IED.) This is an Engineering foundation course that teaches problem-solving skills using a design development process. IED can also take place of Studio Art, thus fulfilling that student's Art requirement for graduation. Students who do well in the course can opt to receive college credits from RIT. Please speak with your child's School Counselor if you want to learn more about the program.

SJB Latin Program: New to SJB

PLTW wasn't the only program to move over from McGann-Mercy DHS. SJB has also adopted their Latin Program. Presently, we host three levels of Latin, which are equivalent to a Foreign Language Regents sequence. A knowledge of the Latin language (which is the core for almost all other Western languages) either alone or in conjunction with learning another language, can help students to be successful in areas such as law, science, engineering, theology, and medicine. As part of the curriculum, students may go on a field trip to the Metropolitan Museum, and they also may participate in the Certamen in the spring. Certamen is an all-county Latin competition. Please speak with your child's School Counselor if you are interested in the course, or want to learn more about the program.

MATHLETES COMPETITION

SJB hosted the 4th, out of 5, Math Competitions for the school year. Also in attendance were students and staff from North Babylon High School, West Babylon High School, West Islip High School, and Babylon High School.

Competition results are as follows:

Both of our (2) teams are currently ranked #2 and #3 in our division, both teams are within the top 15 of all teams across Suffolk County! We have three students who are considered to be top scorers across Suffolk County:

Xiaoxiao Shi, Alex Zhang, and Haoyang Zou

Congratulations to all of our winners!



A Trip to Washington D.C.

SJB students and staff traveled to Washington D.C. from March 3rd through the 5th to explore our Nation's Capital. Students had the opportunity to tour the Capitol Building, Supreme Court Building, Arlington National Cemetery, various Smithsonian Museums, and even visit N.Y. Representative Peter King's Of-



fice! An SJB Alumni spoke with our current SJB students about their experiences going to college and living in D.C.!



ELEMENTARY VISITS TO SJB

On Friday, January 18th, 2019 students and staff from Our Lady of the Hamptons Regional School, Southampton, and St. John Paul II Regional School, Riverhead, visited St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School (SJB.)



The two schools engaged in different activities simultaneously. While one group was in the *Lace Lecture Hall* learning about the SJB GENESIS Program, the other group was in the library with Mr. Grover and Mr. Baritis, where they participated in a peer-to-peer *Mario Kart* Tournament. GENESIS teachers, Mr. Ken Bohman and Ms. Nora Besendorfer explained the program, and current GENESIS students gave presentations



on their research and their experiences in the program; the presenting students were Erik Williams, Jennifer Martinez, Gabriele Martins, and Angelina Schott. They were then given a tour of SJB. The students and staff were all assembled and led to the Retreat Center on the third floor for a group lunch where they were given SJB t-shirts from our *Cougar Crawl* event, held earlier this year.

Europe Trip

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