



Summer at St Joes.....!

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Even during the warm days of summer the good people of St Joes are on the move! This summer was no different!

Facilities Director, **Mr Joseph Dzurenda**, has been managing several important projects including landscaping and tree-work in front of the school that will enhance our curb appeal and further protect – and expand – the stretch of wetlands on Huntington Avenue.

Assistant Principal for Athletics, **Mr Kevin Butler**, has been overseeing several summer athletic camps as well as a (\$100,000+) baseball field drainage project that will make the outfield, football practice field, and girls' softball field more playable and drier come spring.

To accommodate our growing student population we have brought fiber optic cable up the hill to the former convent and created three new, air-conditioned, classrooms (C1, C2 and C3). Our Maintenance staff, including **Mr Alan Greene**, **Mr David Ortiz**, **Mr Gary Savoie**, and **Mr Jose Villa** have also resurfaced the gym floor, painted Café de las Sonrisas, the boys' locker room, and fifteen classrooms, while entirely outfitting three of our classrooms with new desks and furniture.

Our Vice Principal of Curriculum and Instruction, **Mrs Nancy DiBuono**, has been busy launching two new Robotics courses: *Introduction to Robotics* and *Robotics and Automation* that will be taught by *MilestoneC*, the group of professional engineers that will also teach our aeronautic engineering course this fall. The robotics courses will be taught in Room 211, a room that has been transformed into a Robotics/Engineering Lab with elevated workstations, limestone countertops, sinks, and plumbing.

Mr Tom Ford will lead SJTV this fall and teach a section of *Broadcast Journalism* in our newly renovated SJTV studio. **Mrs Colleen Piatak** will be teaching *Entrepreneurial Technology*, a course that will be given for dual credit with the University of Iowa

A recently acquired Diocesan “Pathways” has made it possible for us to establish three “Distance Learning” classrooms that will allow our Math Department Chair, **Mrs Robin Berry**, and our Mandarin teacher and International Student Coordinator, **Mr Mitch DeLancy**, to extend our Mandarin I and Algebra I classes to 7th and 8th graders in Diocesan schools.



Our CFO, **Mrs Linda Batten** and our Network Administrator and **Mrs Angelica Abelson** used a portion of the Pathways grant to install a state-of-the-art server and a cutting-edge T-48 telecommunications system that now connects each classroom to the Main Office, the Nurse's Office, and to emergency responders. This involved project also extends our Wi-Fi to the wetlands, boosts the wireless phone signal inside the Main Building and extends the public address system to the Field House and playing fields.

Our Director of Marketing and Enrollment Management, **Mrs Jessica Costa**, and our Communications Manager, **Mrs Maria Martinez** culminated a year-long effort, involving each department of the school, to unveil a new, vibrant, www.sjcadets.org website. Take a look!

Lastly, after a year of careful research and planning, Director of Advancement and Alumni Affairs, **Mrs Michele Krasznai** and Guidance Counselor, **Ms Cristin Clark** are prepared to go forward with a pilot *SJHS Futures Internship Program* for seniors wanting to explore careers in healthcare, law, education, business, high-tech, engineering, etc. Participants will conclude their academic year in late April and receive .25 credits for a three-week, unpaid internship organized by St Joes. Following successful completion, students will receive a letter of recommendation from their site supervisor. Additional information will be sent to seniors within the next few weeks. See: www.sjcadets.org/futures or contact Ms Clark directly with questions: cclark@sjcadets.org.

Summers like this move our school from “good” to “great” and set us up for another terrific year!