



The Preti Family at the Academy Benefit



SAINT RAYMOND ACADEMY FOR GIRLS

Over 50 years of Academic Excellence

NEWSLETTER 2018-2019

A Community of Commitment, Faith, Respect, Learning & Everlasting Friendships



SRA Alum and their Sisters at Graduation



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Alumnae and Friends of St. Raymond Academy,

As we approach the final days of the 2018-2019 academic year, we celebrate the many accomplishments of our students. On May 31st, the class of 2019 and their families attended the graduation ceremony in our beautiful St. Raymond Church. Ten of our seniors graduated with New York State Regents Diplomas with Advanced Designation and one with a New York State Regents Diploma with honors. In addition, ten seniors were members of the National Honor Society and four were recognized for perfect attendance for four years.

This summer, our sophomores and juniors will participate in several enrichment, internship and service programs. Our students have been accepted to the NYU Pre-College Program, the Job Opportunities Program, the Albert Einstein College of Medicine Scholars Program and the Summer in the City Program. We are very proud that many of our young women continue to learn, explore professional opportunities and do community service during the summer months.

We look forward to welcoming a new freshman class in September. Realizing that our parents make great sacrifices to provide their daughters with a Catholic school education, our faculty and staff are committed to providing a quality education to all our young women. The mission of St. Raymond Academy remains strong. We are dedicated to promoting Christian values and fostering a sense of moral and civic responsibility in our students.

We are deeply grateful to our alumnae and sponsors who make it possible for us to continue our educational mission. Without your support, this important work would not be possible.

God's blessing for a safe and restful summer for you and your families.

Ruth Ann Tully, *Principal*

60's Scholarship Update

Thank you to all who have supported this scholarship! Many alumni continue to support this initiative. We are so grateful to all who participated. The scholarship recipient had a fantastic junior year. She excelled at the Academy finishing number 1 in her class! We look forward to seeing what the future has in store for her. She told her story at the Academy benefit and presented the award to two of the three founders of the Scholarship that were at the benefit celebrating their 50th Reunion from the Academy. We ask you to please continue to support this scholarship so that the student may graduate from the Academy in 2020. Donations can be made on our website at www.straymondacademy.org or mail a check to St. Raymond Academy, 1725 Castle Hill Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lisa Schaller at 718-824-4220 ext. 1052 or lschaller@straymondacademy.org.

The Janet Larkin School Spirit Scholarship

Many friends of Janet Larkin, Class of '68, recently created the school spirit scholarship in her memory. Janet grew up in Parkchester, attending Saint Raymond Elementary School and the Academy. A few months ago, Janet's heart, so big it held us all within it, stopped and left us all heartbroken. Janet loved life intensely, as well as her family, especially her beloved sister Jeanne, her friends, the Academy, music, Lord & Taylor, Talbot's, cosmopolitans and pinot noir. She not only knew all of the important dates and milestones for her family, she knew all of those for the rest of us. We miss her terribly, but we can hear her voice in our ears, saying something kind, silly, funny, or, with just a slight pause before she spoke, letting us know what we just did could have been done better. In her honor, we are proud to fund this scholarship for school spirit and hope the recipient leaves the Academy with lifelong friends, as Janet was to us. (Written by: Anne Flannery '69)



Janet and her friends celebrating their 50th Class Reunion last year.



Friends & Family honoring Janet at the Academy Benefit



Career Day at the Academy

Career Day 2019 was a very special day at the Academy. We welcomed back some of our younger alumnae to speak to our current juniors and seniors. The fields that were represented were impressive: Scarlet DeJesus '12 - Medical, Sarah Babu '14 - Engineering, Krystal Diaz '03 - Business, Yuliza Pichardo '12 - Communications, Samantha Bennett '14 - Nursing, Faith Healy '15 & Kathleen Cross '14 - Social Work and Marisel Rodriguez '94, Esq. & Shannon Alomar '11 - Criminal Justice.

A YEAR IN REVIEW



Open House 2018

SRA welcomed over 200 families to tour the Academy. They were able to see our beautiful school, watch our students perform, meet the faculty and inquire about SRA's academics and extracurricular activities.



The SRA Ambassadors

The SRA Ambassadors help organize many wonderful events throughout the school year. One event to highlight was all the hard work and preparation they put into The Freshman Orientation.



Christmas at the Academy

Our annual Christmas Toy Drive was a success. Many toys were collected for local homeless families. We are so proud of our students for continuing to be so generous during the Christmas



Spirit Day 2018

School spirit was at an all time high on Spirit Day. Sponge Bob was the mascot for the freshman class. The freshman showed off their spirit and athleticism.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

This was SRA's most successful Thanksgiving food drive with over a 1,000 cans collected and donated to local families.



The Academy Marching Band

The band won best high school band at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Yonkers!



SRA Takes on Broadway

The sophomore and junior classes went to see To Kill a Mockingbird on Broadway. The SRA community is grateful for the generous grant that made this day possible.



The senior gift from Fr. Cruz was a trip to Broadway to see Wicked! Moments like these make the best memories.



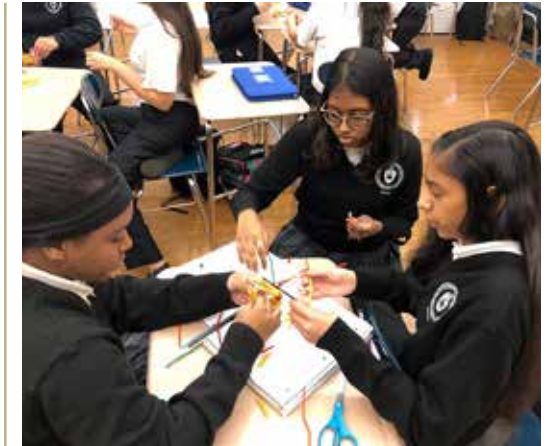
Mother/Daughter Brunch

A wonderful day was spent with the women who inspire our students everyday.



United States Marines

We congratulate Janieces Valles, Class of '20 for being accepted into the Semper Fidelis All-American Program Battles Won Academy hosted by the United States Marines.



Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) visits SRA

Graduate students from RPI came to visit the SRA students and made presentations on various aspects of engineering.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

The 9th Annual Academy Benefit

The 9th Annual Academy Benefit was a great success. Our honorees included: The Class of 1969; Shannon Alomar '11, Fr. Joseph Darbouze; The late Deacon Aldo Preti & Christine Smith. We are so thankful for all of the support from our honorees, their friends and family. There were two special tributes to Elizabeth Roche '76 and Janet Larkin '68. We thank their friends and family for attending and honoring them. They will always hold a special place in the hearts of the SRA community.



Fr. John Flynn Walk-a-Thon

The Fr. Flynn Walk-a-Thon was held on a damp day in May. The students and faculty walked and participated in activities that Fr. Flynn would have been proud of. The Fr. Flynn Scholarship continues to grow and we hope that the support will continue so that every year the money raised will go towards the scholarship established in Fr. Flynn's name. Below is a picture of the event and this year's Fr. Flynn Scholarship Recipient.



The Class of 2020 Celebrates Ring Mass

The ring or pin is a symbol that they are forever a part of the St. Raymond Community!





The Class of 2019 held its graduation on May 31, 2019. The students received their high school diplomas from the Academy before their parents, the faculty and administration. The Class of 2019 college acceptance list was very impressive. Some of the schools they were accepted to included: Adelphi University, Binghamton University, Fordham University, Manhattan College, NYU, New York Institute of Technology, The Pennsylvania State University, Rider University & Stony Brook University.

On the day of the graduation Mass, Fr. Cruz gave a moving tribute to the class during his homily. He told them this is not the end, it's a new beginning. He asked them to remember the Academy, the lessons they learned and the friends they made. He reminded them God will always be there and walking beside them. CONGRATULATIONS to the graduates!

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Rev. Msgr.

Thaddeus W. Tierney Award

VALEDICTORIAN
Amanda Perez

SALUTATORIAN
Kasey Cambrelen

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award

ENGLISH – America Pineda

Sr. Ann Regina Meehan Award

MATHEMATICS – Aricel Chillogalli

Sr. Marian Jude Byrne Award

SOCIAL STUDIES – Paloma Gonzalez

Rev. Msgr.

Gustav J. Schultheiss Award

SCIENCE – Lauren Ampadu

Saint Raymond of Nonnatus Award

SPANISH – Marylaura Perez

Sr. Michaela Connolly Award

MERIT – Mariana Rodriguez

**Principal's Award:
Service to the School**

Carmel Afeli
Mayolly Rosado

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: 2015-2019

Kasey Cambrelen, Aricel Chillogalli,
Amanda Perez & Deliana Perez

**St. Raymond Academy
ALUMNA Award**

Natalie Brackett

THE CLASS OF 2019

Carmel Afeli

Ciara Amaro

Lauren Ampadu

Solena Beauvais

Natalie Brackett

Justine Burgos

Kasey Cambrelen

Isadora Cheong

Aricel Chillogalli

Crystal Cordero

Lianna Cordero

Kiana Cortez-Ruiz

Skye Cruz

Jayda Delgado

Ivanna Dominguez

Da'Niesha Evans

Alondra Flores

Amy Gonzalez

Paloma Gonzalez

Erika Graham

Jallene Guerrero

Angelina Hodgson

Shanelle Keyes

Karina Lebron

Samantha Lopez

Sarah Marin

Candice Maximo

Andrea Meneses

Kathryn Morales

Georgiana Percival

Amanda Perez

Deliana Perez

Marylaura Perez

America Pineda

Maribelliy Ramos

Maria Redrovan

Ashley Rivera

Mariana Rodriguez

Mayolly Rosado

Andrea Santana

Davian Savage

Hailey Serrano

Alyssa Strubbe

Kayla Thomas

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2019-20 UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your Calendars

Open House-Friday

October 18, 2019 at the Academy

Dance-a-thon

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

TACHS Exam

Friday, November 8, 2019

Annual SRA Fashion Talent & Art Show

Friday, March 20, 2020

Band Revue

Friday, March 27, 2020 in the Gym

Reunion Brunch

All classes highlighting '0 & '5 on
Sunday, March 29, 2020 in the Café.

A special 50th celebration for the Class of 1970!

Fr. John Flynn Walkathon

Friday, May 1, 2020

10th Annual Benefit

Thursday, May 14, 2020
at The Villa Barone Manor

Graduation

Friday, May 29, 2020



We hope you enjoyed looking through the Academy Newsletter and seeing the pictures of all the wonderful events that have taken place throughout the school year.

Please consider contributing to the Saint Raymond Academy Fund. Your gift ensures current students access to scholarships, necessary programs, and improved facilities to enable them to graduate with a New York State Regents Diploma. All incoming freshman will be receiving their own Chromebook. Please consider supporting this initiative. The key to the future is technology and SRA does its best to give the students the necessary tools needed for success. The rewards of giving back are limitless.

To make a donation please mail checks to:

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or visit our website at
www.straymondacademy.org to donate online.