

Ramview

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Lawrence R. Ricciardi, Esq. '58 to Address Eleventh Annual Wall Street Forum



Lawrence R. Ricciardi, Esq. '58 will address the Prep's Eleventh Annual Wall Street Forum and Luncheon on Wednesday,

April 8, 2009, which is scheduled for twelve o'clock noon at the Yale Club of New York City, located at 50 Vanderbilt Avenue, immediately adjacent to Grand Central Station.

Mr. Ricciardi, much sought after as an advisor to corporations, firms and nonprofit organizations, retired from IBM in 2002 as Senior Vice President and Advisor to the President. While at IBM, Mr. Ricciardi served also as Senior Vice President and General Counsel, and from June 1997 to May 1998 he was IBM's Chief Financial Officer. Before joining IBM, he was President of RJR Nabisco Holdings Corporation, having joined the firm in 1989.

Among his many business credits, Mr. Ricciardi was Executive Vice President and General Counsel at American Express Travel Related Company, Inc., having come to American Express from posts in the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the U.S. State Department's Agency for International Development.

Lawrence "Larry" Ricciardi is a graduate of Fordham University and received the degree of Juris Doctor from Columbia University's School of Law. He was a Fulbright Teaching Fellow in Law at the University of Rome in 1965-66 and did graduate study in the Stanford Executive Program in the graduate school of business at Stanford University.

Currently, Mr. Ricciardi is a Director of Citigroup, Inc. and Royal Dutch Shell. He serves as Senior Advisor to IBM Corporation, Lazard Freres & Co. and the law firm of Jones Day. Additionally, he is a trustee of The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, The Pierpont Morgan Library & Museum and the National Humanities Center.



The Prep Swimming and Diving Team won its third consecutive CHSAA Championship. The diving team started the meet by sweeping the top three places for the fourth consecutive year. **Phillip Truong '10** won the event becoming a three time CHSAA champion in as many years and was followed by his teammates **John Gallagher '09** and **Miguel Hummel '10**. After Friday's trials, the team found itself going into Saturday's finals trailing St. Anthony's by 29 points. The 200 yard medley team of **Mike McVicker '09**, **Andrew Ellman '09**, **Sean Powers '09** and **Connor Downey '10** began finals off winning the event while setting a new school record. In the very next event, **Mike Panzarino '09** won the 200 yard freestyle. Top five finishes in the 200 yard individual medley by **Andrew Ellman '09**; **Mike McVicker '09**; **John Accarino '10** and **Connor Downey '10** produced enough points to take the lead by a small margin. **Mike Panzarino '09** capped off his two year undefeated streak by winning the 500 yard freestyle. The 200 yard freestyle relay team of **John Accarino**, **Mike McVicker**, **Connor Downey** and **Mike Panzarino** shocked the field by winning the event by eight hundredths of a second adding to their lead. Sophomore **Joe Casino's** second place in the 100 yard back stroke would add valuable points while **Mike McVicker** won the 100 breaststroke for the second year in a row. With the meet in hand, the last relay team of **Andrew Ellman**, **John Accarino**,

Brian Lyons and **Mike Panzarino** only had to finish the race to seal the meet. With a second place finish they secured a 17 point margin over St. Anthony's to win Fordham Prep's third consecutive CHSAA Swimming and Diving Championship. With 12 state qualifiers, the team looks forward to the New York State Championship Meet. Congratulations to the team on a tremendous accomplishment.



From l-r: **Mike Jennings '09**, **Harley Griffiths '09**, **Carlos Petrovich '09** and **Zack Keefer '09** won the Millrose Games 4x800 meter relay on January 30, 2009 in a time of 8:05.27. 2nd place was rival Msgr. Farrell. It was the 6th win in 8 years for the Prep in this event. The Prep had more than 400 fans at the meet. Read about the event and see the video at: <http://www.fptrack.org/0809/jan30.htm>



The Prep varsity football team lifts the Michael Dunn trophy after defeating Xavier 41 - 28.

Water Club

President's Reception

Friday, September 26, 2008
The Water Club



Father Boller, Tim Brosnan '76



Michele & Paul Brusco '82, Marylou & Joseph Brusco PP '08



Tom McKeever '61, John Duffy PP '95, '96, '99



Michael & Patricia Wrotniak PP '08,
Fran & Bill Loftus PP '07, '08



Jose & Maria Teresa Meirelles CP '11



Assistant Principal Theresa Napoli, Father Costello, Patty & Bob Fink '80, CP '08, '10

Ram's Union & Phonothon Volunteer Cocktail Reception

Wednesday, October 22, 2008
The Yale Club

Clockwise from right:

Sean Davey '80, Jim Falco '87, Michael Fox '71, John Lyttle '58, Tom Mitchell '62

Steve Schwartz '94, Sean Bowden '94, Director of Annual Giving Joan Wollman

Phyllis Toohey CP '10, Claudette Bacon CP '10, Father Boller, Lou Aidala '56, Paul Williams '56



From the President's Office



It's a gray winter Friday as I look out the window while writing this letter. The weather reflects the mood of many in the business community in this time of economic uncertainty. Yet in the midst of the gloom, I recall all of the pomp and hoopla surrounding the inauguration of President Obama. Regardless of your political viewpoint, it was clear that the nation was looking for hope in the new administration, perhaps burdening it with unrealistic expectations.

Hope is something we know a lot about at Fordham Prep. The cardinal virtues of Faith, Hope and Love are embedded in all we do serving the Church in the Jesuit tradition by forming our students to become "men for others."

There are signs of hope in the articles in this issue of *Ramview*. The service trips to Appalachia translate hope into homes. The Emmaus retreat program has offered hope to twenty-five years of prepsters and continues on. The fact that twenty-five percent of our seniors are members of the Campus Ministry Board gives me hope in the future of our Church. Working with teenagers is always an exercise of hopes and dreams and our students are filled with both.

The pictures and story about our construction project illustrate quite concretely our attempts to meet the hopes and dreams of the students with the help of many alumni who share our hope. The support shown to the annual fund and annual scholarships is likewise an investment in hope in a time of gloom.

One of our trustees pointed out that, since its founding in 1841 Fordham Prep has survived twenty recessions/panics/depressions and always come out stronger. With your sustained support, we will continue to offer hope to many generations of young men.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "K. Boller".

Rev. Kenneth J. Boller, S.J.

From the Principal's Desk

Over the years, faculty and administrators have worked to design programs and experiences through which new faculty and students learn about and internalize the Jesuit nature of the Prep. Our retreat programs, non-tenured faculty development, and opportunities for students and faculty to be led through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius are a few examples of these efforts. Further, we continually work to emphasize the tradition of the Jesuits dating back to their founding in 1540, the long history of the Prep itself founded in 1841, the commitment to service based on the ministry of Ignatius, the importance of the magis – always striving to excel, and the importance of constantly nurturing Fordham as a community of faith, scholarship and service.

Last year, the freshmen mentors met with administrators to discuss ways to introduce the incoming freshmen to these ideas from their very first hours at the school. There are also, of course, many "nitty-gritty" items such as schedules, locks for lockers, ID photos, and tours of the building which must be addressed as the students begin life at the Prep. As conversations progressed, it became clear that our two-day Freshman Orientation program would need to be expanded to three days and continued periodically throughout freshman year.

In September, the class of 2012 was welcomed to the Prep with a revised orientation. Instead of assembling in the Leonard Theatre for a welcome and various presentations on helpful information, the students were directed to the beautiful University Church and seated in the back pews. After an opening prayer and brief welcome by Fr. Boller, S.J. and myself, I delivered from the pulpit the following introduction:

In 1841, the school into which you are about to be inducted was founded. There were just six young men in that first class. Today, 167 years later, 272 of you are preparing to spend four challenging, exciting years that will prepare you to join the over 20,000 young men who have graduated from this historic institution. But first, you must make it known to all present that you accept this challenge.

Our formal Induction Ceremony had begun. Assistant Principal Mrs. Theresa Napoli called the freshmen to the front of the Church individually, one Mentor Group at a time. A senior escorted each freshman, and every Mentor greeted his or her mentees and seated them together.

After all the students were seated, they were called by Mentor Group to the altar to receive Freshman Pins in small boxes which they were instructed to leave closed. Fr. Boller, University mace in hand, then led the freshmen through a pledge indicating their commitment to join the Prep community and to follow its ideals. At the conclusion of the pledge, Fr. Boller directed the freshmen to remove the pins from the boxes, attach them over their hearts, wear them on their jackets throughout freshman year, and then store them until their final day of senior year, when they would be placed on their white dinner jackets traditionally worn by Prep seniors at graduation. The freshmen then reported to the Prep to begin their four year journey.

During orientation, the freshmen saw excerpts from our Hall of Honor video, returned to the Church for an extraordinary presentation by freshman teacher Ferd Beck describing the building's history, participated in several group-building activities, learned about the Prep's commitment to service, and were inspired by teacher Randy Pedro's talk on the importance of always striving to achieve one's personal best. They also heard a lively history of the Jesuits from Fr. Boller, S.J., and learned to pray by means of the Examen, used by Jesuits each day to seek and find God in all things and to gain the freedom to let God's will be done on earth. The freshmen also attended an Activities Fair at which the upperclassmen and moderators and coaches of Prep activities, clubs and teams manned tables with information about each extracurricular and encouraged the freshmen to join. On the final afternoon, the boys competed in a field day run by juniors and seniors which ended with all attending the championship basketball game in our gym and orientation concluded with a late afternoon barbeque.

In reflecting on the new orientation, mentors indicated it had made the introduction of freshmen to the Prep more meaningful. The formality of the initial ceremony in the Church highlighted the idea that the Prep is a special place. Perhaps an immediate testimony to its success is the pride the freshmen display in wearing their freshmen pins. The final confirmation of its impact, however, may need to wait until May of 2012 when these young men join the ranks of Fordham Prep graduates, living their lives as adults of competence, conscience and compassion.



The Class of 2012 receive their freshman pins and recite the pledge that indicates their commitment to join the Prep community and follow its ideals

Around the Prep

New Faculty and Staff



Rev. John M. Costello, S.J. is one of the new members of the English Department. He also will be working with the Ministry Department. Father Costello taught at Regis High School, Canisius High School and McQuaid Jesuit High School. Father is teaching English I.

Pierre Chavez graduated from John Hopkins University in 2001 with a B.A. in a double major of Latin American Studies, Hispanic literature. As an undergraduate, he also completed a full pre-med program at Hopkins. In 2001-2002, he was a teaching fellow at Phillips Academy, Andover where he served as a co-advisor to African-American and Latino students. In the 2002-2003 academic year, he completed one year of doctoral studies in Anthropology at the University of Michigan. From 2003 - 2008, Pierre taught Biology and coached track at Mount Saint Michael Academy. Pierre is teaching Biology and Biology Honors.



Mary Pinkowish graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Trinity College. She completed a Masters of Public Health (environmental health) from Yale University. She is teaching the senior year Writing Seminar and English I Honors. She brings her experience as a freelance medical and health writer and co-author of two cultural history books to the classroom. Mary's son, Michael, is a 2007 Prep graduate.



Rosanne Zipprich graduated from Fordham University in 2007 with a B.A. in English. She minored in Sociology. She received her M.A. in the Teaching of English, Grades 7 – 12 from Columbia University, Teachers College in 2008. While at Columbia, she was a student teacher in the New York City Public School System. Rosanne is teaching English II and English III Honors.



Stephen Distinti received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in Classics from Columbia University. He is a graduate of Xavier High School who taught at Saint Peter's Prep for two years. Stephen joined the faculty in January to teach Father Cregan's classes.

Christopher Hemsley graduated from Pace University in June of 2008 with a B.A. in mathematics. He joins the Prep's Mathematics Department to teach Algebra 2 – Trigonometry and Algebra 1. Chris's father, John, is a 1977 Prep graduate. His brother, Patrick, is a 2007 graduate.



New Staff

Bridget Reyes is the newest member of the Prep's administrative staff. Bridget works with the Admissions and Ministry Department as well as helping in other areas. She is a first year student at Lehman College.



Carol A. Purcell, CPA, Joins Fordham Prep as Chief Financial Officer



At the December 3rd meeting of the Board of Trustees, Fr. Kenneth J. Boller, S.J. announced the appointment of **Carol A. Purcell** to the position, Chief Financial Officer, at Fordham Preparatory School. Ms. Purcell brings a wealth of financial acumen born of her work with schools and hospitals and her employment in the audit and financial services industry. Her recent experience includes a five year tour as CFO for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark (NJ) and a ten-year stint as a Senior Manager at Price Waterhouse Coopers.

Ms. Purcell's appointment allows the Prep to address the growth in scale and sophistication of the school's finances and the challenges that the current economic climate presents for budgeting and for the stewardship of the Prep's endowment and physical plant. She joins a veteran staff in the Prep's business office which includes Michele Gedeiko, Deborah DiDomizio and Nervana Repetti.

Carol Purcell received the Bachelor of Science degree from Montclair State University and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant.

Faculty Members Receive Bene Merenti

Congratulations to **Anthony Tartaglia** of the Prep's Mathematics Department who received his Double Bene Merenti medal to mark his 40 years of service to the Prep. Director of Alumni Relations **Larry Curran '77**, English Department Chairman **Kevin Gilligan '83**, Father **William O'Malley, S.J.**, Social Studies Department Chairman **Daniel Nolan** and Director of the Physical Plant **James Pollard** received their Bene Merenti medals at a dinner at the Prep.



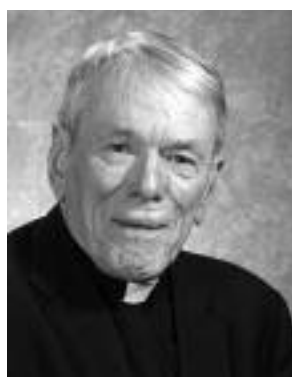
Larry Curran '77



Kevin Gilligan '83



Daniel Nolan



Father O'Malley



James Pollard



Anthony Tartaglia



R.I.P. Rev. Robert G. Cregan, S.J.

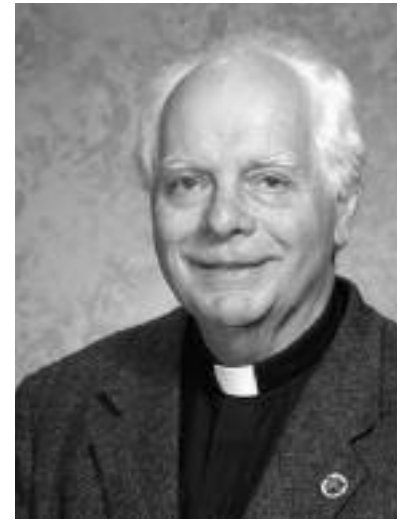
Faculty member Rev. Robert G. Cregan, S.J. passed away on Sunday, January 5, 2009 after a long battle with lymphoma.

Father Cregan served two terms as a member of the Prep faculty. As a Jesuit scholastic, he taught English and French at the Prep from September of 1959 through June of 1962. Father Cregan returned to the Prep faculty in September of 2002 to teach English and Latin and serve as Faculty Chaplain. In between his assignments to the faculty at Rose Hill, he served as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Father Cregan served at four of the six other high schools in the New York Province. He was the President at Canisius High School in Buffalo and taught English at Xavier, Regis and Saint Peter's Prep.

Many of Father Cregan's students and former students returned to Rose Hill to pay tribute to him by attending his wake and funeral. We received many e-mails from alumni sharing memories of Father Cregan. John Starrs '61 sent in the following memory: "I have many good memories of Father Cregan as a well-read young scholastic. He had a quiet way of reminding us about "paying attention to the right things." Of course, the implicit message was not to take ourselves too seriously.

Perhaps classmates will relate. He was the very model of Jesuit generosity. I'm sure his life blessed many other young kids like myself."
Father Cregan is survived by his brother John.



Emmaus 200

These remarks were made by Prep Principal Robert Gomprecht '65 on December 10, 2008 at the homecoming for Emmaus 200.

Thank you for joining us tonight to welcome back the participants of this historic Emmaus 200. Since its inception in 1984, Emmaus has been at the heart of the Prep retreat program and, indeed, at the heart of the Prep community. As has been witnessed tonight by both the adults and the young men who participated in this most recent retreat, the Emmaus has been, and continues to be, a highlight experience in our students' and faculty's heightened awareness of Christ present among us.

The success of this extraordinary program would not be possible without the efforts of many leaders, teachers, staff members and students who have contributed their time over the past 25 years. We are particularly grateful to Fr. Russell Sloun, Fr. Joe Barton, Fr. Nick Lombardi, Fr. Carsten Martensen and Fr. Stan O'Konsky, the founders of the Emmaus program at Fordham Prep.



It was their vision that formed the foundation of this Program we celebrate today. At this time in the history of our Fordham Prep Emmaus, one person has earned a special word of thanks. Fr. Charles Sullivan has directed the

program for the last 18 years and has done more than anyone else to ensure the Program not only continues, but thrives. Let us take this opportunity to thank Fr. Sullivan.



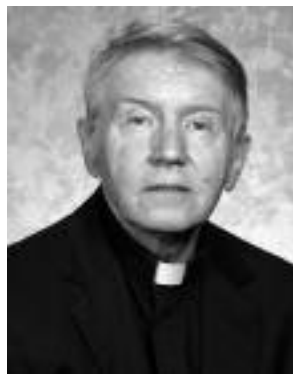
Father Barton



Father Lombardi



Father Martensen



Father O'Konsky



Father Sloun



Father Sullivan

Alumni Service Trip

For the past 16 years Prep students and faculty have been serving those in need in the Appalachian Mountain Region through housing repair and new home construction. For the past ten years we have partnered with Appalachia Habitat for Humanity in Eastern Tennessee to build homes for low income families. The Prep has agreed to again sponsor and build two homes over a four week period. We are pleased to offer this opportunity this year to our alumni and have reserved the week of August 9-15 for Prep Alumni. We hope you will consider joining us for this year's project. For more details or to reserve a spot, contact Brian Carney at ministry@fordhamprep.org.

APPALACHIA - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

- When?** August 9-15, 2009
- Where?** Appalachia Habitat for Humanity, Robbins, Tennessee (one-hour north of Knoxville)
- Housing?** Habitat provides a volunteer center that sleeps up to 32 people. Local hotels are also available at a reasonable cost.
- Cost?** \$200, includes Habitat Volunteer center housing, meals, and transportation from the airport.
- Transportation?** The volunteer center is about 1 hour from McGee-Tyson Airport in Knoxville. Transportation will be provided from the airport. Flights can be booked as a group or on your own. For the more adventurous—it's about a 14 hour drive from New York.
- Fundraising?** Participants are invited to contribute to our goal of raising \$100,000 to fully fund the two homes. Donations from family, friends, and co-workers are appreciated.
- Skills needed?** None, just a willingness to learn. Habitat provides a staff of expert carpenters to work with us.

From the Development Office

Construction Progress

Construction on the Prep's new fourth floor is highly visible to the unaided eye, and evidence of progress can be charted with each passing day, despite snow and frigid temperatures and other exigencies of the winter season. Not so apparent from ground level is the work that is being done on the elevator (extending its reach upward) and the serious plumbing and wiring that will support new science laboratories. The project is scheduled for completion in September of 2009.



The pathway to the elevator with new teacher's patio in the background



The future chemistry labs



The insulation is put in place front of the building



The future biology labs and greenhouse

Gifts for Scholarships and Financial Aid at Fordham Prep

Gifts that provide scholarships and student financial aid are among the most important contributions that an alumnus or friend can make to Fordham Prep.

- Gifts for scholarships and financial aid mean important educational opportunities for students who have earned the privilege of attending Fordham Prep, but who lack the resources to accept offers of admission.
- Gifts for scholarships and financial aid help families who can muster a portion of the costs, but who cannot manage the full burden of even a modest tuition charge.
- Gifts of scholarships and financial aid allow the Prep to recruit the brightest and the best to its student ranks, in keeping with the School's 168 year-old tradition of educational excellence.
- Gifts for scholarships and financial aid preserve the tradition of ethnic and economic diversity in the student community as the keystone of Jesuit education at Fordham Prep.

Ways of Making Gifts for Scholarships and Financial Aid

1. Gifts in any amounts may be made to the Prep's General Scholarship Fund. This Fund is a central resource that the President and the Director of Financial Aid may draw from in addressing the needs and merits of individual students.
2. Gifts in the amount of the current rate of tuition (\$12,560 for FY 2009) will ensure that a worthy but needy student can attend Fordham Prep for one full year.
3. Gifts (single or cumulative) in the amount of \$300,000* will serve to endow a full scholarship in perpetuity at Fordham Prep. Awards from named endowed scholarship funds are the most prestigious form of recognition for students at Fordham Prep. Only students who give evidence of genuine financial need and outstanding academic performance can be the recipients of funds from one of the Prep's fully endowed scholarships.

Further Information About Gifts for Scholarships and Financial Aid

To discuss ways and means of making gifts for scholarships and financial aid at Fordham Prep, please call the Office of the President: (718) 367-7500, ext. 200; or call John Bradley, Vice President, Development & Alumni Relations (718) 584-8378 (Direct).

*The amount required for a fully endowed scholarship reflects the rate of tuition and the Board of Trustees' policy regarding the stewardship of the Prep's financial assets.

Students Thank Their Benefactors

These are examples of letters written by Prep students to their benefactors.

From the Class of 2012:

I come from the North Bronx in Kingsbridge where I live with my mother, brother and little cousin. Ever since the third grade, I knew that I wanted to go to the Prep. It was hard but I did it. I am writing to say thank you because if it was not for you, I would not be going to the school of my dreams. I like it here at the Prep.

From the Class of 2011:

I come from the Bronx where I live with my mother and two brothers. I really appreciate your kind contribution toward my tuition. If it wasn't for you, I would not be attending this wonderful school. This school has many wonderful people. The teachers are always willing to help as well as the other students. Thank you for helping me here at Fordham Prep.

From the Class of 2010:

I am a junior at Fordham Prep and the recipient of your donation. I know that without your help, I would not be able to attend this school. My hope for my career is to be a cardio-thoracic surgeon. If I am able to achieve my dream, I know that it will be because of your help. Thank you again.

From the Class of 2009:

I live in the Bronx with my mom and brother. I have always dreamed of going to Fordham Prep but would not be able to follow my dreams without your help. The best part about it is that I have no regrets. I am now in the college process and I now have the ability to go to a great college with the grades I got at the Prep. Thank you very much! Without you, my future success would not be possible.

Ross Fulco '48 honored by Iona College

On June 9, 2008, Iona College honored Ross R. Fulco, graduate of 1948 who served the Iona Community for over 35 years serving as Team Doctor for all Athletics and the Christian Brother Community. Dr. Fulco also served the Westchester and Bronx Community for over 40 years.



Pictured with Dr. Fulco is Iona College's Vice President of Advancement and Prep parent Rich Petriccione.

1982 Football Team Reunion



The members of the 1982 Varsity football team held a reunion on Arthur Avenue.

1949
60 YEAR REUNION
GOLDEN RAMS LUNCHEON
Friday, October 2, 2009

1954
55 YEAR REUNION
GOLDEN RAMS LUNCHEON
Friday, October 2, 2009

1956
Carl Cutrone and his wife Carol Lee, nee O'Reilly, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 13, 2008.

1958
Edward Sartore completed forty years of work at the United States Army CECOM at Fort Monmouth, NJ.

1959
50 YEAR REUNION
Thursday, May 21, 2009 at the Prep
Friday, May 22, 2009 Lunch on Arthur Avenue.

1961
Francis Apicella has a general practice law office in Tuckahoe, NY. He is looking forward to the Class of 1961 50 Year Reunion in 2011.

1964
45 YEAR REUNION
Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Prep
John Saccenti is the president of the Career Development Institute while serving as a consultant to the United States Department of Justice. **James DiMarzo** reports: "Then there were three... **Brian Burkart** moved in down the street and will be here (Vero Beach, FL) full time. **Dan O'Shea** spends winter here. It's getting like old home week in Vero Beach for Prep '64."

1967
Kevin Hackett is the president and CEO at the Rockefeller Group International, Inc.

1968
Robert Sammartano is the president-elect of the American Association of Surgical Physician Assistants and program director of the Montefiore Medical Center post-graduate residency in surgery for physician assistants.

1969
40 YEAR REUNION
Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Prep
Paul Zellweger recently presented a paper on computer science at ETH, the Swiss Technical University in Zurich.

1972
Peter Hansen has returned to the New Jersey Performing Arts Centers as vice president of development. He was the director of external affairs at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City. Peter invites his classmates to contact him at peterhenry-hansen@gmail.com.

1974
35 YEAR REUNION
Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Prep

1977
Edward McDermott is the eastern regional managing director at BMI Audit Services LLC, South Bend, IN as of June 2007. BMI serves sponsors of self-insured health benefit plans and their advisors with claims and eligibility audit services. **Eugene Madden** is a financial advisor at Banc of America Investment Services, Inc. in Greenwich, CT.

1979
30 YEAR REUNION
Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Prep
Mark Hicks was promoted to Colonel in the United States Army and was selected for the Army War College and Brigade Command. Mark and his family live in Colorado. **Matthew Morrison** has joined the Environmental Protection Agency as an associate director of the clean air enforcement program.

1981
Michael Hacker is a solo practitioner with a social security disability, workman's compensation and bankruptcy law practice in Albuquerque, NM.

1983
Carl Raven received the Dr. H.A. Fadhli Award at the 75th Annual exhibition of the National Society of Sculptors. If you would like to view the piece, visit www.nationalsculpture.org.

1984
25 YEAR REUNION
Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the Prep
John McCarthy is a partner at the law firm of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP.

1987
Francis Rizzo is a financial advisor at UBS in Stamford, CT.

1988
Edward Muir is a TV weatherman in Seattle, WA and "swears that he'll never leave." He is working on a three year graduate study program in meteorology.

1989
20 YEAR REUNION
Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Prep

1994
15 YEAR REUNION
Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Prep
John Fink is the assistant principal at Irvington High School in Irvington, NY.

1995
Matthew Bratnick is teaching math at the School of the Sacred Heart. In his off hours, he is performing improvisational comedy and taking classes at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theater in New York. **Sean Smith** works for CBS Radio Sports as a salesman selling the New York Mets radio broadcast for WFAN.

1996
John Waters is a marketing manager at Tremor Media.

1999
10 YEAR REUNION
Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Prep
Peter Putignano is a trial attorney at the United States Department of Justice in Washington, DC.

2004
5 YEAR REUNION
Friday, May 29, 2009 at the Prep

2006
Colum Weiden is a junior at The College of the Holy Cross and spent the fall semester in the Holy Cross Washington, DC Program working at the Center for American Progress. **Scott Snyder** is a computer science major at Yale University. **Eric Collazo** is a student at the College of the Holy Cross. He is involved in the Student Government Association as director of diversity, resident assistant and a tutor in the Writer's Workshop.

Donnie Walsh '58 at the Prep

New York Knicks President Donnie Walsh '58 visited the Prep as part of a profile that was on the MSG Network's The Game 365. Donnie is pictured with MSG broadcaster Fran Healy in front of a painting of long time Dean of Students Rev. Arthur V. Shea, S.J.



Brian Harpur '92 & Dennis Grant '06

Thanks to Brian Harpur '92, Dennis Grant '06 worked as an intern for the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. Dennis impressed NMFN and was extended the opportunity to continue to work for the company during the school year in the Boston office where he is a junior at Boston College.



What to do with that Old "Stuff" from your Fordham Prep Days?

If you have jackets, yearbooks, letters, posters, clothing, trophies, sweaters, diplomas or other Prep memorabilia that you no longer want or are using, consider sending it to the Prep Alumni Office.

1971: The year the Concert Band did not disappear as expected

by Richard Mattiaccio, '71

It was June 1970. The Prep had a good year in sports and in all the established extra-curricular activities; the juniors had published their own monthly literary magazine called *Janus*; and the Prep had an exceptionally good, 20-member concert band.

For some years, the Prep Band had boasted two fine teachers who had a very low profile in the general Prep community: music director Robert Cusumano, a master of the trumpet who had a storied career, including with Toscanini and the NBC Symphony Orchestra and with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, and Mr. Leonard Portnoy, a truly dynamic woodwinds instructor. The Band's lead trumpet player, a senior, was on his way to becoming a composer, music theorist and professor of music, first at Princeton and currently at Columbia. Two of my fellow juniors (an oboist and a trombonist) would soon be on their way to music school and careers in music. There were other skilled amateurs in the group. There was only one problem: when the class of 1970 graduated, it left the Prep Band with only a handful of players of mismatched instruments.

Band meetings and rehearsals were considered extra-curricular activities and were all held after school. Since freshman year, I had worked evenings and weekends to pay tuition and I had only given minimal time to the Band. This was especially true in junior year, when I dedicated most of my after-school time to the editing and production of *Janus*. So, when outgoing

and remaining Band members elected me to serve as Band president for 1970-'71, it came as an unexpected and, at first, unwelcome challenge for senior year.

Very few people would have appreciated the um-pah band we might have put together with the remaining Band members. It was not clear where to turn for advice or help in finding new players for the Band. The Band's dedicated moderator for many years, Fr. Flood, was on sabbatical in Germany. The Band's new moderator, Mr. J. K. Johnson, was focused on building the Choir. When the call went out for seniors to serve as Big Brother mentors to the incoming freshmen, I remembered how influential the Big Brothers had been in introducing my class to the school. I was desperate, so I decided to beg. I begged my fellow Big Brothers to promote the Band as the non-athletic after-school activity. The Big Brothers talked up the Band big time even though, or maybe because I had made a pest of myself. Fifty or more freshmen showed up on the afternoon of sign-up day in the cramped band room that we shared with the Fordham University Band in the basement of the University Chapel. The large, slightly unruly crowd of freshmen stunned Fr. Mulqueen, the usually talkative University Band moderator, into silence, perhaps into silent prayer. In the age of rock, these freshmen somehow got the message from their Big Brothers that playing traditional band instruments was cool. Some already played one instrument or another, typically piano or guitar; most



1971 Ramkin

Back Row: K. Carrick, B. Zolacki, B. Fostall, A. Novath, C. South, V. Fortuzato, L. Giardello, V. Burns, J. Oak, F. Buchag, B. Mikoe, B. Mattiaccio, W. Meris, P. Miller, W. Boggiano, J. Murtazeh. Middle Row: J. Adams, C. Goss, P. Penn, B. Pesi, M. Feltis, B. Boyd, J. Kelsky, J. Cossady, K. McGinness, B. Ferrara, J. Fife. Front Row: E. O'Neill, J. Flannigan, P. Nareghian.

could not yet carry a tune on a kazoo, let alone tell the difference between base and treble clef. We accepted everyone and started working intensely with all who were willing to put in the effort.

In 1970-71, Mr. Cusumano and Mr. Portnoy went far beyond what the Prep had ever asked of them, and some of the more experienced players tried to help the recruits by leading them in some extra, ad hoc section rehearsals. There were Prep students doing something musical on most weekdays after school in the chapel basement, and thirty or more freshmen made it through the year. In March 1971, however, we were still making an unholy noise, so I tried to convince Mr. Cusumano to cancel the Spring Concert and concentrate on building for the following year. Sardonic as he generally was, Mr. Cusumano nonetheless had faith in this improbable group, or at least in the motivating power of fear.

While the musical metamorphosis proceeded slowly in the chapel basement, back in Hughes Hall the charismatic Mr. Johnson was building a fine choir. Everything came together in the two hectic

weeks before the concert and, for the first time in memory, the Prep Band and Choir packed Collins Auditorium for a Spring Concert. The music, as well as the turnout, exceeded all reasonable expectations. Funds raised from ticket sales, sponsorships, program ads and Mothers' Club support paid for a set of Band jackets; this, in turn, prompted the parents of a Choir member to donate a set of garments for the Choir.

It was one of the highlights of my four years at the Prep to conduct the Prep Band in an enthusiastic rendition of the *Fordham Ram* at the conclusion of the 1971 Spring Concert. It was an equal pleasure to come back to play with the more experienced Band at the 1972 Spring Concert. Although I continued to play trombone through college, and only gave it up for the jealous mistress that is the law, I never enjoyed playing with the fine musicians of the Columbia concert band in quite the same way as I enjoyed playing with that very green, very exciting, Fordham Prep Concert Band of 1971.

Alumni Memorial Mass & Dinner Thursday, November 6, 2008



Richard Blessington '45, David Jeshiva '98



Joseph McNiff '68, Val Moretti '70, John Connell '70



Domenico Delli Carpini '76, Richard Duke '76, Michael Considine '76, Robert Petrocine '76, Michael McNamara '76, William Korchak '76



Adrian Kerrigan '80, Principal Bob Gomprecht '65

Golden Rams Luncheon

Friday, October 3, 2008



THE 55 YEAR REUNION CLASS – The Class of 1953



THE 60 YEAR REUNION CLASS – The Class of 1948

Area Reunions



TAMPA AREA REUNION

Friday, February 6, 2009



BOSTON AREA ALUMNI REUNION

October 8, 2008

Hosted by Anthony Ambriano '70, Brian O'Rourke '75, Steven Flynn '77



SAN FRANCISCO AREA REUNION

January 20, 2009

Hosted by William Meehan '70



CHICAGO AREA ALUMNI REUNION

October 14, 2008

Hosted by Henry White '63



FORT LAUDERDALE

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

Hosted by Robert James '53



LOS ANGELES AREA REUNION

January 15, 2009

Hosted by Brian McCarthy '71



VERO BEACH

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Hosted by James DiMarzo '64

Class Notes

Prep varsity basketball coach Kevin Pigott compiled this

list of leading scorers

in the Prep's hoops history.



Joseph Walsh '58



Thomas Hage '92



Thomas Kelly '62

CAREER POINTS

- 1) Tom Kelly '62 - 1270 points
- 2) Donnie Walsh '58 - 1260 points
- 3) Rob Ford '87 - 1063 points
- 4) Steve Herman '87 - 1002 points
- 5) John O'Donnell '70 - 960 points
- 6) Tom Hage '92 - 952 points
- 7) Jimmy Walsh '71 - 906 points
- 8) Frank McLaughlin '65 - 902 points
- 9) Sean Gregory '94 - 861 points

SINGLE SEASON SCORING AVERAGE

- 1) Donnie Walsh '58 - 25.2 ppg
- 2) John O'Donnell '70 - 23.4 ppg
- 3) Frank McLaughlin '65 - 23.1 ppg
- 4) Sean Gregory '94 - 23.0 ppg
- 5) Tom Kelly 22.5 ppg

TOTAL POINTS IN A SINGLE SEASON

- 1) Tom Kelly '62 - 586 points
- 2) Sean Gregory '94 - 574 points
- 3) John O'Donnell '70 - 515 points
- 4) Donnie Walsh '58 - 506 points
- 5) Frank McLaughlin '65 - 439 points

SINGLE GAME

- 1) Tom Hage '92 - (42 points 2/2/92 vs. Kellenberg)
- 2) Frank McLaughlin '65 - 41 points

More no-hitters

in the Prep's baseball history.



Salvatore Chiamonte '48



Christopher O'Loughlin '08



Kevin Doody '93

In response to an article about Liam Josephson's Spring 2008 perfect game, we received notice of three more Prep pitchers pitching no-hitters.

In 1948, **Salvatore Chiamonte '48** pitched, as a member of the Prep's varsity baseball team, a perfect game against All Hallows.

In 1992, **Kevin Doody '93**, as a junior, pitched a no-hitter against DeWitt Clinton High School. Kevin hit the first batter and then retired the next twenty-one batters in order to complete the no-hitter.

In 2005, **Christopher O'Loughlin '08** pitched a no-hitter against Stepinac as a member of the Prep's freshman baseball team. Chris struck out thirteen batters in seven innings.

Births/Adoptions

- 1975 Perry Samuel, to Perry and Ann Marie Oman
 1980 Dashiell, to Reginald and Simone Ollen
 1983 Noah, to Ronald & Belkis deCastro
 1988 Joseph Dominic, to Joseph and Anne Schmidt
 1991 Kailey Ann and Emma Grace, to Matthew and Lauren Fitzgerald
 Abbey Roberta, to Richard and Katie Healy
 Riley Clare, to John and Beryl Stocker
 1992 Brendan, to Jay and Jennifer Johnson
 Ryan, to Jesse and Christina Quinlan
 1993 Joseph, to Anthony and Jennifer Gentile
 1994 Robert Gerard, to Brendan and Claudine Delaney
 1995 Nora Wall, to John and Sonya Cronin

Marriages

- 1990 Terrence Finneran and Allison Kent
 1993 Michael Campoli and Haidee Cabusora
 1994 John Fink and Christina Occhiogrossi
 1997 Salvatore Farenga and Jacquelyn Pagliaro
 1998 Niall Henry and Debra Sherry
 David Jeshiva and Stephanie Froes
 Christopher Riley and Elena Tarantola
 Garnet Walters and Sasha Jarvis

IN MEMORIAM

Martin J. Kelleher '29
 Louis W. Furgiuele '35
 James J. Healy '35
 Gerard B. Tracy '35
 Bernard B. Gilligan '37
 Martin E. Kenney '37
 Kevin P. Flood '38
 Charles F. McCaffrey '40
 Richard P. Schulz '40
 Donald A. Wetherbee '43
 Eugene A. Diserio '44
 Joseph J. Spink '45
 Angelo A. Ciliberti '47
 Kenneth T. Edson '48
 George W. Konop '48, brother of Thomas '60
 John C. Monks '48
 Timothy O'Connell '48
 Michael K. O'Leary '48
 Gerard J. Russillo '48

Edward C. McLoughlin '49
 Raymond F. Ryan, Jr. '50
 Jerome F. Healy '51
 Rev. Joseph F. Doyle, S.J. '54
 Pasquale P. Muccigrosso '55
 John P. Barkaus '59
 Helmut E. Soika '59
 John F. Prahl '61
 Terence C. Dunne '62
 Richard T. Moran '66
 James E. Reilly '66
 Edward J. Leslie '75
 Gloria McHugh, wife of the late faculty member Edmund '39 and mother of Mark '76
 Elizabeth Kilsheimer, wife of John '41
 Jane Cunniffe, wife of Maurice '50
 George Opp, father of Joseph '64
 Catherine McGowan, mother of Robert '65, Patrick '80

Dorothy Secco, mother of John '65
 Donald Maroldy, father of Christopher '77
 Margaret Maroldy, mother of Christopher '77
 Mary Dillon, mother of Michael '78, Patrick '79
 Tara Conlin, sister of Raymond Zimmerman '81
 Gladys Savino, mother of Thomas '81
 Joseph Mikovits, father of Raymond '85, Thomas '93
 Stephen Clark, father of Stephen Clark '88
 John Montes, father of John '90
 Anthony DiFato, Sr., father of Prep faculty member Anthony '99, Robert '01, Nicholas '08
 Dennis O'Connell, father of Sean '01
 Timothy Geraghty, father of Timothy '03
 John Giambalvo, father of Paul '03
 Rev. Francis Stroud, S.J., former Prep faculty member
 Rev. Robert G. Cregan, S.J., Prep faculty member
 Michael Mitchell, former hockey coach



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KNOLLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, ELMSFORD, NY
Tuesday, May 12, 2009

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Friday, November 20, 2009

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New York Botanical Garden

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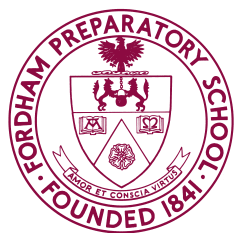
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