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## Welcome, Mrs. Sanchez!

The Beagle Staff officially welcomes Mrs. Sanchez to St. Joseph School. We sat down with Mrs. Sanchez in October to get to know her. We hope you enjoy learning more about our new Principal from our interview.

Q: How many years have you been teaching?

A: I have been teaching for 47 years. I started teaching when I was 14 years old.

Q: What made you want to become a Principal?

A: I have always wanted to be a School Leader, but I knew when my children were young I couldn't take care of them effectively and also dedicate myself to being a School Leader.

Q: How are you liking SJS?

A: I am loving SJS. There are many many wonderful students, teachers, and parents! I love being in a school that is based on our Catholic faith.

Q: How is SJS different from the last school in which you taught?

A: I haven't actually taught since 2009. My last teaching job was at which was New Rochelle High School which is a very big school. It is different because we can focus on our faith here and be allowed to talk about God. For many years, I was the Committee of Special Education chairperson.

Q: Are there any new ideas you are planning to introduce to SJS this year?

A: There are many new ideas such as: increasing Catholic identity, renewing the community spirit of the school, increasing academic outcomes and preparing students who attend SJS to live their lives as practicing Catholics.

Q: Do you prefer teaching in small or big schools?

A: I enjoy teaching in both large and small schools. They are both meaningful experiences. They each have their positives and negatives.

Q: What is your favorite song of the day so far?

A: Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head written by Burt Bacharach and sung by B. J. Thomas.

Q: Are there any events at SJS that you are looking forward to this year?

A: Well certainly the graduation will be great. There have been so many great events already like the Back to School Night, Middle School Dance, Movie Night and Halloween.

Q: How do you think the new backpack rule is working so far?

A: So far it is working very well. Boys and girls are much safer and they are able to hold onto the banister walking down the stairs. There have been fewer books falling.

Q: At which schools have you taught before coming to St. Joseph?

A: Project Hands for the Handicap, ClearView School, PS 83, PS 41, St. Theresa, Jefferson School, Isaac E Young school, and New Rochelle High School.

Q: Where were you born?

A: I was born in Yonkers, New York.



Q: Where did you go to college?

A: I went to Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry then I went to the College of New Rochelle and finally Fordham University.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: I currently have a dog named Rex. He is a Shepherd mix. My pug, Simone, was 14 years old when she passed last summer. I really want another pug!

Q: What are your children's names?

A: I have three children: Carla, 30, Joseph, 25, and Billy, 24. The days my children were born were the best days of my life.

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: My favorite color is blue.

Carolyn Byrne '19, Devon Lugano '19 & Anna Spillane '19



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## Spooktacular

We would like to thank the Mothers’ Club of St. Joseph School for an another amazing production of the annual Spooktacular. The Annual Spooktacular includes: a haunted house, food, dancing, a pumpkin carving contest, and many games. The entire event is great, but we loved the haunted house the best because we got to participate as actors.

This year's theme for the haunted house was the Disenchanted Forest. There were guides that had to dress up like librarians and their job was to give you a tour of the haunted house. The first room was Alice in Wonderland. The room consisted of the Mad Hatter, Alice, the Queen of Hearts, and Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum. The second room was Snow White. There was a zombie Snow White, the man in the mirror, a dark hooded figure, and the Evil Queen. The third room was Little Red Riding Hood. In the room, there were flashing lights that revealed Little Red Riding Hood, the grandmother, the Big Bad Wolf, and the huntress. In the fourth and final room, there was the Witch, Hansel, and Gretel.

In the Alice in Wonderland room, the characters were dining at an evil tea party. In the zombie Snow Room, the Evil Queen offered children apples while zombie Snow White was on the table. In the Little Red Riding Hood room, Little Red Riding Hood was devouring grandma along with the Big Bad Wolf and the huntress. And in the final room, the Witch was cooking Hansel in the oven while Gretel ran out crying for help.

There were many screams from the guests on the tour! Everyone had a great time. We can’t wait to come back next year and see the next great Spooktacular.

Olivia Smith ‘19 & Bianca Veltri ‘19



## Favorite Halloween Candy

Halloween is one of the most beloved holidays. The best part is the candy. This is a ranking of our favorite Halloween Candy. Our choices were kit-kat, Peanut butter cups, M and M’s, StarBursts, Nerds, Twix, Sour Patch Kids, Whoppers, Skittles, and Tootsie Rolls.

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

1. Peanut Butter Cups
2. Kit-Kat
3. Twix and Sour Patch Kids tied
4. Others

Everybody loves candy. This was a very hard vote, but people had to choose. In the beginning, we thought people would want to choose M &M’s, but there was a big change in events. Peanut Butter Cups won! These candies were voted as their favorites, and this was very fun!

Gabriella Ibelli ’22 & Marilyn Samuelian ’22

## Age Limit on Trick or Treating?

Can you believe there is an age limit on trick or treating in some towns? In Chesapeake, Virginia, kids can face fines and even up to six months of jail time for trick-or-treating over age 13. Kids over age 12 or past seventh grade could be hit with misdemeanor charges in Newport News, Virginia, while many in North Carolina towns enforce comparable cutoff ages plus a curfew of 9 p.m.

My opinion is that it’s unfair but there could also be a reason for this, because the Halloween festivities in those cities may be very hectic and uncontrollable for little children under 12 and 13. It may be dangerous for little children if older kids are having egg fights or vandalizing with shaving cream. I am 50/50 on my opinion of this law. What is your opinion? Email us your thoughts at sjsbeagle@stjosephschool.net.

Anthony Mauro ‘21

## Annual Halloween Costume Contest

As you all know,Halloween at St. Joseph School is always a big deal. The costumes are really cool. Everyone should have gotten a chance to vote for your favorite halloween costumes. We collected the votes from the office and tallied them. Congratulations to this year’s winners:

Best Individual: Nerd - Ella Braunstein  
Scariest: Creepy Skeleton- Ryan Smith  
Best Group: Apps Lizzie Scalzo, Brooke Lugano, Julia Dellafiora, Emma Aliaj  
Funniest: Dinosaur - Brendan Meyers  
Overall Favorite: Fortnite / 4th grade Babies

Hope everyone had a fun time on Halloween and had fun voting!

Julia Dellafiora ‘21, Gianna Grindley ‘19, Brooke Lugano ‘21, Lizzie Scalzo ‘21



## Wanted: SJS student on the Loose

Who is this issue’s mystery student? We need your help to find out who is the mystery student. If you would like to help us find out who this mystery student is, send us your answers at sjsbeagle@gmail.com.

I am a GIRL.  
I have LIGHT BROWN color eyes.  
I have BROWN color hair.  
My favorite color is PINK.  
I have one SISTER and two BROTHERS in the school.  
My favorite school subject(s) is ELA/READING.  
My favorite thing to do is WATCH YOUTUBE.  
I don’t like when I HAVE NO WIFI.  
My favorite sport is GYMNASTICS.  
My favorite animal is LION.

The answer will be revealed in the next issue.

Kaitlyn Horgan ‘22

## The Most Popular Halloween Costumes of 2018

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Black Panther            | 9. Peter Rabbit            |
| 2. The Incredibles          | 10. Pumpkin                |
| 3. Fancy Nancy              | 11. Han Solo               |
| 4. Lego Batman and Batgirl  | 12. Mary Poppins           |
| 5. Vampire                  | 13. Super Mario            |
| 6. T-Rex                    | 14. Trolls Poppy           |
| 7. Pooh Bear and Friends    | 15. Power Ranger Red Ninja |
| 8. Nella the Princess Night |                            |

These are the most popular Halloween costumes this year. A lot of new movies came out in late 2017 and in 2018. Some of these costumes were characters in this year’s new movies. Did you see any of these costumes on Halloween?

Sophie Patz ‘22



## Technology’s Impact on Society

Over the past few decades, technology has improved and affected our lives. The impacts can be positive and negative.

One of the positive impacts of technology on our lives is that we can communicate faster and further away. For example, if your grandparents lived in South Africa and you lived in America, you would be able to talk to your grandparents in a matter of seconds instead of waiting days or even weeks to get a response by letter. Another positive of technology in our lives is that we can share the great moments of our life with others. For example, if you went skydiving for the first time in your life, you can share it with all of your friends and relatives without sending the picture or video to each individual. Another positive of technology is that we can learn topics quicker and get research and projects done faster. Instead of going to the library and finding all the books you will need to do the project or research, you can just look up all the information online or type the project and print it out. Those are the major positive impacts of technology in our lives.

A negative impact of technology is cyberbullying. Cyberbullying is a big cause of suicide in the United States. Cyberbullying occurs when one or multiple people pick on someone over and over again on social media or through texts. This can lead to depression and suicide. Another negative impact of technology is that when someone posts something good in his or her lives, and someone who doesn’t have or can’t afford that thing or event may feel depressed because of the post. Technology can also make us feel more left out because if a friend posts something that they weren’t invited to, they may feel excluded because they weren’t invited.

Jackson Dellaflora ‘19, Owen Gaszo ‘19 & Colin Van Hoek ‘19

## The Three Day Weekend

Recently we read an article about how the 27th school district in Colorado is implementing three day weekends. We thought it would be awesome if this happened to our school.

We feel this would benefit our school because it gives students more time to do their homework. Kids also get to spend more time with their family. They would also be less restless, tired, and will pay more attention in school.

However, some parents or guardians may not feel that their children are getting their full education that they paid for in their tuition. Three day weekends help the environment and cut costs because the school uses less power due to of the one less day it does not need to be open, and does not need to use or pay for buses. One problem with this is parents may work and possibly spending more time and money on a babysitter.

Three day weekends can also benefit the teachers since they will be less stressed and will not only have more time to grade papers, they will have more time to do what they like. We asked one of our teachers, Mr. Chapman, how he feels about this. Here is what he thought:

Q: How do you feel about a three day weekend?  
A: Not a good idea. What would your parents do? There would be more homework.

Q: Do you feel it would benefit the students and teachers and, if so, why?  
A: No, because there is less time to teach and more work at home.

Q. Do you feel it would be more beneficial to have a three day weekend for the lower grades or upper grades, and why?  
A. Upper grades, more work at home [and not at school].

Trinity Brown and Ryan Spillane ‘22

## Kindergarten Careers

Mrs. Casarella asked this year’s kindergarten students what they wanted to be when they grow up. The kindergartners have a bright future ahead of them! Here are their answers:

Zoe Badulescu- a doctor  
Savannah Bardhecaj- a scientist  
Caolaidhe Byrne- a police officer  
Aidan Darcy- a hockey player  
Grace Flynn- a famous ballerina  
Sienna Giannettino- a rockstar  
Emily Hickey- a princess  
Nicholas Labanca- a fireman  
Emma Lazarov- a scientist  
AJ Lewis- a “cooker” (chef)

Madison Lewis- a rockstar  
Josephine Mastrangelo- a doctor  
Anne Meyers- a nurse  
Henry Newman- a police officer  
Reece Patturelli- an actress  
Saoirse-Avery Rainsford- a doctor  
Caitlin Renner- a ballerina teacher  
Anthony Sutherland- a paleontologist  
Peter Wyman- a jet pilot

Colleen Flynn ‘20

## Our Band Program

St. Joseph School has a band program for grades 3 to 8. Our third graders are trying it out for the first time! How do they feel about it? I interviewed Grace Brown and Christina D’Amico to find out.

Do you like doing band?  
Grace: Yes, because we always learn something new and we have already learned two notes!  
Christina: Yes.

Would you cancel the program if you could?  
Grace: No, not at all!  
Christina: No, because I love it and it’s really fun.

Do you think it’s too hard?  
Grace: Sometimes, but most of the time we are just having fun with our instruments.  
Christina: A little because I have to reach really far to press the buttons. I have to stretch my fingers out a lot.

Does it interfere with your homework?  
Grace: No, I have lots of time to do my homework when I get home.  
Christina: No, not really because it’s a short amount of time. I do my homework before and after band.

Will you continue it next year?  
Grace: I’m not sure since I just started.  
Christina: Yes, because I want to get better.

What is your instrument?  
Grace: My instrument is the flute.  
Christina: I play the flute.

Do you want to switch your instrument?  
Grace: I like doing the flute because all the people in my group play the flute and also it is super fun to learn all the new keys because they are basically like big buttons and I like pressing buttons.  
Christina: I like it. I will do it again next year.

Do you think band practices are too long or too short?  
Grace: I think they are too short because a lot of the eighth graders are always interrupting us to put their ChromeBooks back on the charger.  
Christina: It’s over in a short amount of time.

Téa Messina ‘22

## Review of the Little Mermaid

This year’s fall play was “The Little Mermaid”, and it was a huge success. The play was about a mermaid named Ariel (Molly Bishop) whose only wish is to become a human and marry Prince Eric (Anna Spillane). One day while at her grotto, two eels, Flotsam (Carolyn Byrne) and Jetsam (Ariana Mujstafa) take Ariel to the sea witch, Ursula (Bianca Veltri). Ursula turns Ariel into a human, but if she doesn’t kiss Eric within three days, she will lose both her voice and her soul forever. Ariel doesn’t kiss Eric, and she turns back into a mermaid. Her father, King Triton (Jenny Okon) trades in his trident to Ursula to save Ariel, but he gets banished from the ocean. Ariel steals the trident from Ursula and banishes her. She also manages to get her voice back. Ariel brings back her father, and he uses the magic of his triton to turn her back into a human. Finally, Ariel and Eric fall in love and live happily ever after. I asked the kindergarten through third graders what they thought about the play. Here is what they thought:

Kindergarten:  
“I loved the play because I liked the songs they sang, and I love all the kids in it” - Grace Flynn  
First grade:  
“It was amazing because I loved it” - Nicholas Caprio  
Second grade:  
“I felt excited for the students. The play was amazing”- Reagan Spillane  
Third grade:  
“It was amazing! I loved it more than the other plays” -Madison Chartier  
Colleen Flynn ‘20

P.S. Thanks to Mrs. Lugano and Mrs. Bishop for making it all possible!

## World Series 2018

The 2018 World Series of Major League Baseball between the Boston Red Sox and the Los Angeles Dodgers was a thrilling match-up. This year, the 114th World Series was played from October 23rd to October 28th, for a total of 5 games. The Dodgers manager, Dave Roberts said his team was ready, however the Red Sox had 108 wins in the regular season, so it was not going to be easy for the Dodgers to win.

The Red Sox began the Series as the favorites to win it all. Red Sox superstars Mookie Betts and J.D. Martinez were both at the top of the MVP race, the winner of which was announced on November 15th. The Dodgers had an outstanding season as well, and had two incredible players in Justin Turner and Cody Belinger. They have been in the playoffs each of the last 4 years. Both Chris Sale of the Red Sox and Clayton Kershaw of the Dodgers pitched well for their teams. Steve Pearce, the first baseman for the Boston Red Sox, batted really well and wound up winning the MVP award for the World Series.

This World Series also made MLB history. Game 3 was the longest game ever in a post-season. It went 18 innings and lasted 7 hours and 20 minutes, and finally ended on a walk-off home-run by Max Muncy. The Dodgers won that game, but the Red Sox came back and won the World Series in 5 games. The Red Sox also made history by becoming the first MLB team to ever win a World Series exactly a century apart. They defeated the Cubs in 1918 and the Dodgers a hundred years later in 2018!

No matter which teams play, the World Series of baseball is always very enjoyable to watch. If you want to watch the World Series next year, you can watch it on Fox 5 or you can tune-in to the gamecast on the ESPN app.

Daniel McQuade, ‘22

## Spotlight on Music Teacher: Mrs. Bartlett

We had the opportunity to interview our new music teacher, Mrs. Bartlett. Hope you enjoy learning more about her.

Q- Where did you work before?

A- I taught at Brooklyn Heights Montessori School.

Q- Do you have any kids?

A- I have one daughter.

Q- How long have you been teaching music?

A- I have been teaching music for over 20 years

Q- What has inspired you to start your music career?

A- I have always loved music. My music teachers were excellent and inspired me to start music. I learned how to play instruments and went to a performing arts high school. My mom was a professional singer.

Q- What instruments do you play?

A- I play the flute and the piano.

Q- How did you hear about St. Joseph School?

A- When I was moving, I looked up schools in the community.I loved how it was a catholic school so I applied.

Q- What college did you go to?

A- Queens College for my B.A. Then I went to Hunter College for my two masters.

Q- What has been your favorite thing SJS so far?

A- Being able to accompany students and hear them participate together.

Q- What is your favorite part about teaching music?

A- When there is that “aha” moment when you are talking to students. I get to connect with the students. When we are all working together to produce something good.

Q- Have you been in any bands?

A- I have been in Orchestras. I have played with an opera company called Dicapo Opera and many musical plays.

Arianna Mustafaj ‘19, Michelle Vilajeti ‘19, and Jenny Okon ‘19

## CYO Basketball Season Kicks Off

The St. Joseph School CYO season started out with the annual Turkey Bowl on Friday, November 16th. It was a big celebration of all the teams, including grades 3-8 boys and girls. The Turkey Bowl was a great time, and the 8th grade boys and girls played a great game against their parents. Everyone got hyped up for the season and it was amazing to see such great SJS Spirit! Every year my friends and I love it when our names get called out and we run onto the court. Our St. Joseph’s CYO basketball program has so much talent. Last year one of the fourth grade girls teams won the championship. Last year's seventh and eighth grade boys teams also won CYO championships in the A division. I’m predicting that this year SJS CYO teams will be some of the best in the league. You never know, one might turn out like the Golden State Warriors! Our pee wee basketball teams are really good as well. Every Saturday at 8:00 am, the kids from K-2 work on their skills. At the end of practice, after a fun scrimmage, they run for donuts. This is what makes our CYO program so fun!

Timothy Pandekakes '22



## Super Smash Bros Ultimate

The game, Super Smash Bros, has been around since April 26, 1999. The next version that will be released on December 7, 2018. It will be the 5th edition of the game. The first version started with 8 characters and over the years has grown to 68. Many new characters have joined like Cloud from Final Fantasy. The only character previously kicked out that was added back into the game is Dr. Mario. New characters include King K. Rool from Donkey Kong, Ryu from Street Fighter, and echoes which means skins from existing characters like Daisy for Peach from Super Mario, Samus and Dark Samus. Many fans wanted Simon from Castlevania to join the game and he did, along with his other character Richter. In addition, in the updated version there are two new characters which are Piranha Plant and Incineroar. I think this game will be a success for Nintendo. What do you think?

Who is your favorite character?

Mario, Link, Luigi, Yoshi, C.Falcon, Samus, Fox, Ness, Pikachu, Kirby Jigglypuff

Who will the most successful character?

Cloud Bayonetta, R.O.B, Mewtwo, Ken, or Simon

Please send your answers to sjsbeagle@gmail.com.

Chase Duffell ‘22

## The Most Useless Websites

We all know that there are some silly websites on the internet, but these nine are insanely useless...

- 9: Corgi: You just watch corgis run around on your screen in 8 bit form.
- 8: The salmon of capistrano: Not a fishing game just watch your screen
- 7: Eel slap: In this you drag your mouse across the screen and an eel slaps a man.
- 6: Corn dog on corn dog: This website is just that.
- 5: Puppy licking your screen: This one is self-explanatory.
- 4: Cat bounce. Throw the cats around and they bounce around your computer screen.
- 3: Endless horse: Just scroll down and see what happens.
- 2: Bored button: This website is full of mini games that are useless.
- 1: The invisible cow: In this game you click randomly and hope you can find an animal.

JJ Flynn ‘21 & Sean McCuin ‘21