

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2018



DESTINATION: HIGH SCHOOL

Agnes Irwin
Alyssa Puhl

Archbishop Carroll
Liam Brady
Mary Finley
Grant Grube
Isabella Philipp
Katarina Philipp

Conestoga High School
Jack Barausky
Aidan Curvan
Luke Dekovitch

Maura Kelly
Elissa Lowry
James Manion
Claire McGee
Sasha Reeder
Jocelyn Salinas

Malvern Prep
Dominic Angelichio
Hayden Kennedy
Joseph Vandergeest
Jack Wolfington

Merion Mercy
Lucy Curry
Amy Werner

Notre Dame
Caroline Kemp
Lily Kraus
Serafina Peluso
Gabriella Recchilungo
Brigid Searing
Mia Vitanzo

The Phelps School
Sam Hu

Plymouth Whitemarsh
Samantha Ondik

Radnor High School
Olivia D'Ovidio
Riley Mazzalupi
Angela Salinero
Sophia Twohig
Delaney Walsh

Sacred Heart
Elyse Terzian

St. Joseph's Prep
Max Flick
Gavin Maher
Nolan McCormick
Will McKernan
Danny Mendler
Kevin O'Brien
Mason Streko

Villa Maria
Sophie Sweeney

KATHY FLANAGAN TO RETIRE

By JP Boles

Photos by JP Boles and courtesy of Kathy Flanagan

Kathy Flanagan has been an important part of SKS for 27 years. Since 1991, she has taught young boys and girls who have since sent their own kids through her kindergarten class. In fact, all five of her children have attended SKS: Katie, Patrick, Shannan, Bridget and Colleen (who have three children and one currently at SKS, respectively).

Additionally, husband Tom started the cross country and track program at SKS 30 years ago. Tom was the coach and Kathy helped organize the program. After Tom left for Radnor High School, where he is currently head coach of the boys and girls cross country and track and field teams, their daughter Bridget took over the team before Joe Manion became coach. It's now one of the best programs in the area.

Kathy attended Archbishop Carroll High School and was part of the first graduating class in 1970. Ironically, she was classmates with Msgr. Brouwers (who was on the boys side of the school at the time). She then went to Villanova University and played for the Wildcats basketball team, graduating in 1974. In another twist, Bud Tosti also graduated in 1974 from Villanova.

Kathy retires at the end of this year, with many thanks from parents, teachers and students, past and present, for her dedication. She will be sorely missed.

What made you want to teach?

I love children. It was a calling, so when my children went to school, I went with them.

What are some highlights of teaching at SKS?

Every day is a new adventure. Every year is a new year with new challenges. Seeing the kids blossom and begin reading and ready to transition to the next grade is a real satisfying feeling.



Kathy Flanagan (center) and Susan Lowe (left) with her 2017-2018 kindergarten class.

What is your favorite tradition at SKS?

The May Procession.

What is at least one thing you are particularly proud of as a teacher?

Susan Lowe and I instituted a "Star Reader" program within our class. In May of every year each child brings a book from home, shares it with the other kids and reads in front of classmates. We also have each child "crown" Mary every day in May, sometimes twice a day depending on class size. Children bring in homemade crowns with flowers and get a chance to adorn the Blessed Mother in class.

What will you miss most?

The excitement and enthusiasm the kids bring to class. I will also miss seeing Sue Lowe everyday and the whole SKS school community. [Kathy has shared her classroom with Sue for the last 14 years and they make a great team together.]

What's next?

Let me see...tennis, gardening, travel, cleaning out my closets and enjoying life and hopefully staying healthy. I'll keep busy with 13 grandchildren.



Grandchildren will keep Kathy quite busy.



FUN FACTS ABOUT MSGR. BROUWERS

You probably already know that Msgr. Hans Brouwers, Pastor of St. Katharine of Siena parish, loves to travel the world and has a strong local presence, but did you know that he:

- Was born in Soengei-Geron, Indonesia (literally, in the middle of the jungle).
- Speaks eight languages, including Dutch, French, German and Italian.
- Has traveled to 142 countries.

- Attended Archbishop Carroll and was part of the first graduating class in 1970 (and played soccer!).
- Attended St. Charles Seminary. His first assignments were St. Jude in Chalfont, St. Clement in southwest Philadelphia, and Rome.
- Enjoys scuba diving, cycling, and visits to the Jersey shore with his St. Charles classmates.

2018 SK5K DEDICATED

The 2018 edition of the St. Katharine's 5K took place in May. While a fun and exciting event, there was a touch of sadness as it was dedicated to Erin Lively, a parishioner and mother of four young children, who recently lost a battle with cancer. Many thanks to all those who helped Jess Di Lucia organize the event and to the many volunteers that day.



Photos by JP Boles.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JONESES!

Congratulations to fifth grade teacher Katie Jones and the rest of the expanding Jones family!

Daughter Jessica Jones (SKS 2006) married Joseph Roche on May 18, at St. Katharine's Church. Best of luck to the new couple! With the family are Catherine (SKS 2012), Nathan (SKS 2017) and Meghan (SKS 2008).

Photo courtesy of Katie Jones.

SKS TRACK RUNS STRONG



*Above: Younger members of the SKS Track Team.
Left: Coming down the stretch at a race.
Congratulations to all of the kids for the great effort they put in this spring!
Photos by JP Boles.*

Congratulations to the SKS Track Team for a strong season! The kids worked hard and gave many key performances during the year. Here are some of the highlights:

- The SKS girls were Region 32 champions!
- A relay team for SKS boys competed at this year's Penn Relays, finished 14th out of 127 schools. Congrats to Joseph Garzio, Patrick Barausky, Liam Miller and Mikey Bugler!
- The team had many runners qualify for the Archdiocesan Championship, including:
 - Amelia Dole
 - Julia Salinero
 - Maeve Seeger
 - Kate Smith
 - Grace O'Neill
 - Luke Miller
 - Henry Pierce
 - Mikey Bugler
 - Gavin Garzio
 - Liam Miller
 - Connor Hnat
 - Joseph Garzio
 - Juan Salinero
 - Fran Forte
 - Quinn Worrell
 - Patrick Barausky



Maren Stefan at the 2018 May Procession

ALUMNI CORNER: SOPHIA RECCHILUNGO

Graduated 2012
Academy of Notre Dame de Namur



After graduating from SKS, I continued my education at the Academy of Notre Dame. I played field hockey for three years and ran indoor and outdoor track all four years. During my senior year, I was captain of both the indoor and outdoor track teams and was a part of the relay team that placed 6th at Nationals. I was also a member of Campus Ministry and the student council committee and volunteered for sponsored service activities such as Women of Hope and Habitat for Humanity.

I currently attend Saint Joseph's University and just finished my sophomore year, continuing my track career on a Division 1 program. Academically, I am majoring in Food Marketing with a minor in Interdisciplinary Health Services.

One of my favorite SKS memories was the annual Catholic Schools Week. It was so much fun to be able to compete against the teachers and classmates. My friends and I always had so much fun joking around and dressing up in white or blue. Everyone was part of an extended family that had school spirit and worked well together.



I am thankful to SKS for creating a culture where I could make amazing friends and priceless memories that I will cherish forever. SKS showed me the true meaning of community. I am grateful for all the teachers and friends I met during my time at SKS who have impacted my life. I will carry on the values that were instilled in me and will never forget the nine years I spent there!

ALUMNI!

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