



INSIDE STEP

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER PROGRAMS

STEP Program Begins

Monday, June 30

DEADLINES

Participation cards due for Soccer & Football

Thursday, August 14

Participation cards due for Freshman Football & Track

Monday, August 18

CALENDAR ITEMS

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First Day of School

Monday, September 8

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Technology

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

As Stepinac High School continues to receive recognition for its leadership in education and technology throughout the region and beyond, several new initiatives are being planned for the 2014-15 school year.



A new Physics Lab is being built this summer in honor of 50-year faculty member Ron Tedesco, a former Physics and Electronics teacher, and will be unveiled in the fall. New technology upgrades are also planned for the library to enhance the learning experience. With better functionality for video conferencing and digital science, the center will utilize video for remote field trips, provide the capability for alumni to “virtually” visit the classroom, allow for the introduction of interactive college courses and help foreign exchange students communicate with their families back home.

Additionally, since Stepinac first introduced its Digital Textbook Library program this past fall, buzz has spread about the innovative technology that is making learning convenient and efficient. The school has received dozens of inquiries from across the nation seeking information about the program.

All of these upgrades to technology are part of our continuing effort to prepare students for higher education, so that when they move on to a university or college, they are ready to utilize all available technology tools to gain a competitive edge.

Drama Studies

MARY POPPINS PRODUCTION A BIG HIT!

The Stepinac Drama Club was recently distinguished as one of only six high schools in the nation selected to receive the pilot license from Walt Disney Theatricals to produce the regional premiere of Mary Poppins. The Drama Club’s production of the show was a big hit, with near sell-out performances for all of its shows in May.

The classical story of the whimsical, proper and high-spirited nanny consisted of a cast of nearly 100 students including the stage crew. Christine Turturro of Croton-on-Hudson played the leading female role as Mary Poppins, and John Guaragna of Yonkers portrayed the leading male role, Bert. Two-time Helen Hayes Award winner Chris Guzman of White Plains played George Banks and Amelia Sasson of Mt. Kisco played Winifred Banks. The rest of the cast included students from throughout Westchester, the Bronx and CT.



Students in the News

SPOTLIGHT ON



DRAMA CLUB DIRECTOR FRANK PORTANOVA & MUSICAL DIRECTOR CHLOE SASSON WIN METRO AWARDS

Croton Junior Christine Turturro Wins Award for Leading Actor

Archbishop Stepinac High School Drama Club's spring production of *Mary Poppins* captured the attention of judges this year at the Annual Metropolitan High School Theater (Metro) Awards on June 2. Faculty members Frank Portanova and Chloe Sasson won awards for their roles as director and musical director, respectively. In addition, Croton High School junior Christine Turturro won for her leading role. This was the first year that the Metro Awards were held at Stepinac.

We are pleased to announce that Walt Disney Theatricals will be using video, images and props from our show in creating a *Mary Poppins* production guide and video. This production guide and video will be given to any company in the future that licenses the show. The Stepinac Drama Club will be credited in the production guide and video. A great honor!

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Stepinac to Welcome Additional Students from Asia

At the start of the 2013-14 school year, Stepinac High School welcomed students from China and Vietnam for the first time after



successfully hosting students from Korea in prior years. In the fall, the school will be expanding the program with the addition of an additional group of Asian students.

Currently, Stepinac is hosting 17 students from Asia. The program has been so successful that the school made the decision to welcome 13 additional students of various grades from China, Korea and Vietnam for the next school year.

Junior Junhyuk (Eric) Kim of Seoul, Korea said Stepinac has enhanced his academic progress: "This school has helped me to better analyze my work. The classes are far more interactive than those in Korea, where memorization is the focus. The teachers at Stepinac have been welcoming and the students are eager to help us."

The introduction of the Digital Textbook Library in classrooms last Fall has also been helpful, according to Kim, who says that in Korea he had to carry heavy textbooks to school. "Now, I only have to carry my iPad or laptop computer, which is easier," he said.

Head Football Coach Honored by the Salvation Army

Michael O'Donnell, Director of Athletics at Stepinac, was recently honored for his more than 30 years of commitment to local athletics by the Salvation Army at the 26th Annual Community Service Awards Breakfast. As Director of Athletics, Coach O'Donnell oversees one of Westchester

County's premier high school athletic programs. Stepinac, an all-boys school of nearly 700 students, offers sports programs that include: football, baseball, basketball, bowling, golf, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, cross country/track & field and wrestling.

Coach O'Donnell has been Head Football Coach at Stepinac for 24 years, a position that has brought success and wide recognition to the school. He has coached teams to win numerous Catholic High School Football League (CHSFL) Division Championships and CHSFL AA Championships.

A number of the student athletes he has coached over the years have played on professional teams, including: Eric Ogbogu (New York Jets, Dallas Cowboys), Brian Sweeney (Seattle Mariners, San Diego Padres, Tampa Bay Devil Rays) and Marty Conlon (Boston Celtics, Miami Heat). Additionally, he has had hundreds of students placed in Division 1 and Division 2 college athletic programs.

Stepinac Marches in St. Patrick's Day Parades

This March, students from Stepinac's Band participated in the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Additionally, Father Thomas Collins, President of Stepinac, led the Yonkers 59th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade as Grand Marshall. This was the first year that the two Yonkers St. Patrick's Day parades were combined into one.



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

This was a banner year for seniors at Archbishop Stepinac High School, as we once again saw 100% of our students accepted to colleges and universities with many securing spots at top schools in the country. Our graduates continue to stand apart from other high school students as candidates that reflect high-achievement in academics, while embodying strong values and a commitment to community service.

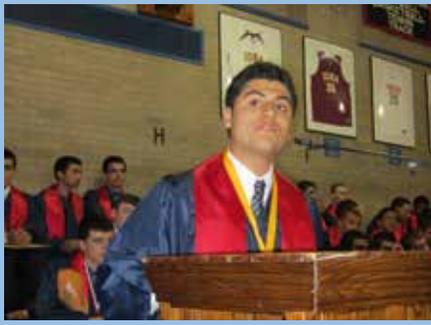
According to President Fr. Thomas Collins, the difference is simple: “Admissions officers know that the rigor of our curriculum and the expectations set forth by the teachers and administration result in a student that is disciplined, engaged and aware of the importance of their role in the world outside of the classroom. We are preparing students to succeed in college, but the lessons they learn here will guide them for the rest of their lives.”

Stepinac’s academics and extracurricular activities, combined with a spirit of camaraderie and cooperation, help transform today’s students into tomorrow’s leaders. The support provided by our guidance department, faculty and administrative staff is critical to parents and students during the college admission process and results in reducing stress while increasing the likelihood of successful placement.

“As students graduate beyond the four walls of Stepinac and move on to the college of their choice, we know that they will each carry our mission out into the world. From the friendships they’ve made to the knowledge they’ve gained to the values we instill—each year we are thrilled to give flight to a new group of young men who will make us, their parents and their community proud,” says Fr. Collins.

Congratulations to the Class of 2014 and special mention to the following graduates and the institutions that they are attending or considering for fall 2015: **Fordham University:** Marc Anthony Costanza*, Matthew Eberhart*; **Haverford College:** Jason Sanchez*; **NYU (Tisch):** Chris Guzman*; **U.S. Naval Academy:** Eric Terminello*; **Villanova University:** Brandon Campos*; **Purdue University:** HoJung Ryoo*; **Rochester Institute of Technology:** Tyler Walsh*; **SUNY Geneseo:** Anthony Graziano*; **South Carolina State:** Aidan Guinan*; **Boston University:** Chris Guzman; **Clemson College:** Eric Terminello; **Colgate University:** Robert Bambil; **Michigan State:** HoJung Roo; **University of Miami:** Robert Bambil; **U.S. Air Force Academy:** Eric Terminello.

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See What Sets Us Apart

To find one of the most powerful examples of the importance and success of Catholic education today, one needs to look no further than 950 Mamaroneck Avenue.



Firmly rooted in its rich, proud tradition, Stepinac remains thoroughly committed to educating and inspiring young men in a caring, disciplined, Catholic environment. The Catholic High School Honor Roll selected Stepinac as one of the best 50 Catholic secondary schools in America. The Honor Roll is an essential resource to parents and educators as it acknowledges those schools that best maintain high academic standards, uphold their Catholic identities and prepare students to actively engage in the world.



Archbishop Stepinac High School has provided a comprehensive college preparatory curriculum, grounded in Roman Catholic values and traditions, for more than 60 years. The tuition at Stepinac is far less than the cost of educating the students, but through the generosity of alumni and benefactors, we are able to provide an excellent program at an affordable cost.

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Faith in Our Future*

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