

## Leaving a legacy

This week's fun-filled homecoming festivities are well under way and this time of the year gives us a chance to reflect on classes gone by who have left such a legacy for our school.

It's always a joy to see students coming back to meet old friends and share good times.

With our new Development Office in full swing, alumni have more chances than ever to reconnect with their former classmates.

We love learning how St. Frederick students have gone on to succeed not only in college, but in their communities and home lives as well.

For example, the class of 1989 was on campus earlier this month. Among them are medical professionals, lawyers, architects, teachers, even our own Coach Guerriero!

Sometimes we lose sight of the impact a school like St. Frederick has.

It is gratifying to see what results can come from a Catholic education. One parent shared with me not too long ago what her daughter told her about her education from St. Frederick. Donna Wilhelm, a Warrior graduate herself, will see the last of her five children, Elizabeth, receive her diploma this May from St. Frederick. Another daughter, Valerie, told Donna: "Mom, thank you so much for sending me to St. Frederick. When I got to college, I knew what to do and how to do it."

I hear little anecdotes all the time. It's hard to quantify sometimes our successes, but stories like this remind us that our teachers and students are working hard and doing an outstanding job.

Won't you join us this week for our celebration? The schedule of events can be found at [www.stfrederickhigh.org/eletter.htm](http://www.stfrederickhigh.org/eletter.htm).

Alumni events are listed at [www.stfrederickhigh.org/alumni\\_reunions\\_events.htm](http://www.stfrederickhigh.org/alumni_reunions_events.htm)

**\*\* To continue our theme of "Celebrate," we are happy to announce a number of academic accomplishments that are especially appropriate in this Homecoming Week when we remember and honor the spirit of excellence that flows throughout the St. Frederick family.**

A number of students each year take especially challenging courses here at St. Frederick under the instruction of talented teachers within the Advanced Placement program.

These college-level courses conclude with an AP Exam upon which a student may receive a score of 1 through 5. Receiving a 5 on an AP Exam is an extremely challenging task to accomplish.

Jason Simon, Jenni Farrar and Caroline Cole all scored perfect 5s on the AP American History Exams!

Another student has proven herself so amazingly well in these college-level experiences that College Board has named her as an AP Scholar.

This means that she has taken a number of AP exams and done exceptionally well on ALL of them. Normally, we do not see such award being received before the end of one's senior year, but this student has already earned the honor based on her junior-year accomplishments.

Congratulations to St. Frederick High School's AP Scholar, Ajibike Lapite. Lapite has also been named a National Achievement Semifinalist, one of only 1,600 students recognized nationally each year. The College Board hosts the National Achievement Scholarship Program, which is linked to a student's success on the PSAT taken in one's junior year. Lapite now advances to competition for National Achievement Scholarships.

Also, senior Jenni Farrar has been recognized based on her outstanding performance on the PSAT last year. She has been conferred a Letter of Commendation upon her for her outstanding academic promise. Farrar is named on the basis of a nationally applied Selection Index score received on the PSAT.

God's Blessings, Jennifer Malone

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