



St. Joseph – IHM Alumni & Friends Network

Westchester, IL

Friday, January 6, 2012

2012

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope that the New Year brings joy, beautiful moments and surprises to cherish...

Upcoming **EVENTS**

SAVE
THE
DATE

FRIDAY
JANUARY
20
2012



Sports *Hall of Fame Induction*



St. Joseph High School
North Gymnasium

Boy's Basketball Game

St. Joseph vs. Gordon Tech 5:45 pm Soph/7:30 pm Varsity *

** Induction prior to Varsity Game*

2011 Inductees

Jimmy Karr '99 – Football
Mark Layton '90 – Basketball
Derrick Mims '95 – Basketball
1993 Soccer Team
Honoree George Strnad

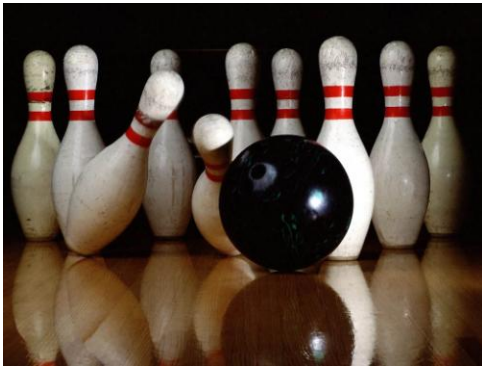
St. Joseph High School is pleased to announce the 2012 Hall of Fame Inductees...

Robert Loftus '91 – Baseball
Keith Perry '99 – Football
Brandon Watkins '99 – Basketball

***Join us in honoring these graduates at the Hall of Fame Induction on
Friday, January 20, 2012***

**** Reception following the Varsity Game in the cafeteria.***

To have a spot in a reserved area at the Hall of Fame game,
kindly RSVP to Kathy Taylor (708) 562-7488 or ktaylor@stjoeshs.org by Thursday, January 19, 2012.



SJHS BOOSTER CLUB

Sixth Annual

CANDLELIGHT BOWL

JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT OF DINNER, BOWLING, GAMES, RAFFLES, SPLIT-THE-POT AND MORE! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012

8:30 PM DINNER - 10:00 PM BOWLING

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BRUCE OR MARY ANNE
IN THE ATHLETIC OFFICE (708) 562-0767**

SPACE IS LIMITED!

**RESERVATIONS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.
DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS JANUARY 18, 2012.**

ADULTS 21 AND OVER ONLY

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Make checks payable to: **St. Joseph High School Booster Club – Mail this form with your payment to:**
St. Joseph High School c/o Booster Club, 10900 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester, IL 60154 –or–
Drop off at the Athletic Office marked for the Booster Club.

I will be bowling with*:

Name(s) _____

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Please reserve _____ x \$30/person = \$ _____

I cannot attend, however, I would like to make a donation: \$ _____

Please PRINT names of your teammates that you are making reservations for.

Featured Alumni...

Recent Alum Gains Valuable Experiences in Trips to Maywood and Washington, D.C.

Written by: Tony Quattrochi, Faculty Member



*All the best to Jaswant Singh
Carl Levin*

Jaswant pictured with Senator Carl Levin

Jaswant Singh, Class of 2007, was never one to shy away from work. Salutatorian of his class and recipient of the Principal's Awards for Excellence in Foreign Language and Science, Jaswant left St. Joe's for the academic challenges of Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. Having decided early that he would tackle majors in both Political Science and Africana Studies, Jaswant also opted to spend his summers interning in order to gain valuable experiences.

During the summers of 2009 and 2010, Jaswant clerked for the Honorable Edmund Ponce de Leon (formerly Presiding Judge of the 4th Municipal District in Maywood, Illinois and currently Presiding Judge, County Division at Circuit Court of Cook County). Jaswant researched case law, worked with law students, learned computer programs written specifically for legal research and he also wrote interdepartmental memos; in short, he learned the behind-the-scenes requirements for part of the judicial system, especially in preparation for what would take place in the felony courtrooms. But it wasn't exactly what Jaswant was looking for relative to his future.

"The clerkship was fascinating and a great learning experience, but it became a little too routine once you got the hang of it. I understood that criminal law was not an area that I wanted to pursue in a legal career because it wasn't as engaging as I would have liked and, for me, it wasn't too intellectually stimulating."

On the other hand, the summer of 2011 saw Jaswant on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., working for United States Senator Carl Levin (from Michigan). "That was a captivating experience. Senator Levin is Chair of the PSI (Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations). I worked with others reviewing all of the subpoenaed documents of either companies or individuals that were suspected of illegal actions, such as tax evasion or money laundering. I would question the lawyers representing those people to clarify the accusations against them."

While the work was plentiful and concentrated, there were also light moments. *"I would open up the office in the morning and occasionally the phone for PSI would be ringing and some of the things the public wanted investigated led to some interesting conversations. I remember one time picking up the phone and before I could indicate who I was, the caller addressed me as if I was John Boehner (Speaker of the House of Representatives) and he was chastising me for not doing a good job as Speaker."*

After returning from Washington, Jaswant began his pursuit of a degree in law from the University of Chicago. *"The students there are very serious and competitive and I love it. I just finished my course work in Civil Procedure I and Elements of the Law. My two other courses, Property and Contracts, will carry over into the next quarter, when I'll also pick up Torts and Criminal Law. Taking final exams is very different from both high school and college. My Civil Procedure final was online and eight hours long. The clock started as soon as I downloaded the exam. And unlike many exams where you just regurgitate what was taught in class, our tests at U of C are more hypothetical so that you have to apply what was taught in class to theoretical situations."*

Jaswant enjoys returning to the Chicago area after four years on the east coast but where his life will lead after law school is too early to say right now. In the immediate future – the summer of 2012 – Jaswant will be in Iowa, having accepted an associate position with David Brown, a large law firm. Summer Associate positions are quite rare for a first year law student which really makes the upcoming adventure all the more exciting. Summer Associates are prestigious positions because the firm treats the student the same as a practicing lawyer for the firm which means they pay summer associates on the same scale as a junior associate and provide the person with an official office in the firm.

St. Joseph High School is very proud of this Charger! Congratulations, Jaswant!!

Dominic Senese '86 Enjoys Success in Food Industry

Written by: Tony Quattrochi, Faculty Member



He enjoyed wrestling because it was an individual sport and he was good at it.

He now enjoys being the owner of his own company and he's good at that as well.

Dominic Senese, St. Joseph Class of 1986, has always looked forward to being his own boss. "It took a while but I finally had the opportunity to branch out on my own and I enjoy it." Dominic, "DJ", has been on his own since 2005 as the owner of Chicago Food

Manufacturing, LLC. formerly Sonoma Farm. From his plant in Chicago Heights, DJ employs up to 30 people to help manufacture and package a variety of food items. "We specialize in different types of pastas and sauces but we also deal with other products." In short, people come to DJ and ask him to produce a product, handing over to him ingredients and recipes so that he can use his machines to mass produce food items. DJ also manufactures his own products under the Sonoma Farm label. The business has been steady since DJ created his company, to the point where he recently dropped a major retailer as one of his customers. "People will often come into my plant and say that their grandmother had this great recipe for a sauce and they want to put it on the shelves. I'll do business with only about one out of fifty of those people. The others really either don't have a plan to market their product, in which case I discourage them because marketing is a major part of the business. Or they don't have the start-up funds to purchase what's necessary, including the money to buy ingredients and packaging materials."

DJ admits that a variety of qualities are needed to be successful for someone in his position. "First, you have to be flexible. You have to be able to handle a variety of jobs. I work with dozens and dozens of vendors to buy my supplies. Then I have to get my own products sold so there's an element of sales I need to deal with." In fact, DJ often takes his products on the road to consumer shows, often tying up his weekends. "There are times we work seven days a week. We were even running on Thanksgiving."

The hard work and long hours are worth it, according to DJ. "I like it because the job keeps me busy and I do a lot of different things. Besides the manufacturing and packaging end of it, I deal with the federal, state and local governments to ensure my operation meets their standards. I hire and work with good people who are committed to making all of our products of high quality so that our name continues to gain recognition."

DJ looks forward to sharing his experiences with any Chargers who are interested in either the food manufacturing industry or in starting a business of their own.

We are proud of you Dominic! We wish you only continued success in the 2012!

School News...

Basketball Tournament Named in Honor and Memory of Dennis Doyle

Dennis Doyle, longtime basketball assistant, teacher and counselor at St. Joseph High School and former Willowbrook High School counselor and Head Basketball Coach was honored posthumously on December 28, 2011 at the Championship game of the annual St. Joseph Sophomore Holiday Tournament. The tournament, started by Dennis in 1986, was renamed the Dennis Doyle Memorial Sophomore Holiday Tournament in his honor and memory. His wife Irene and their 3 children presented the 2nd place and Championship awards.

DENNIS DOYLE

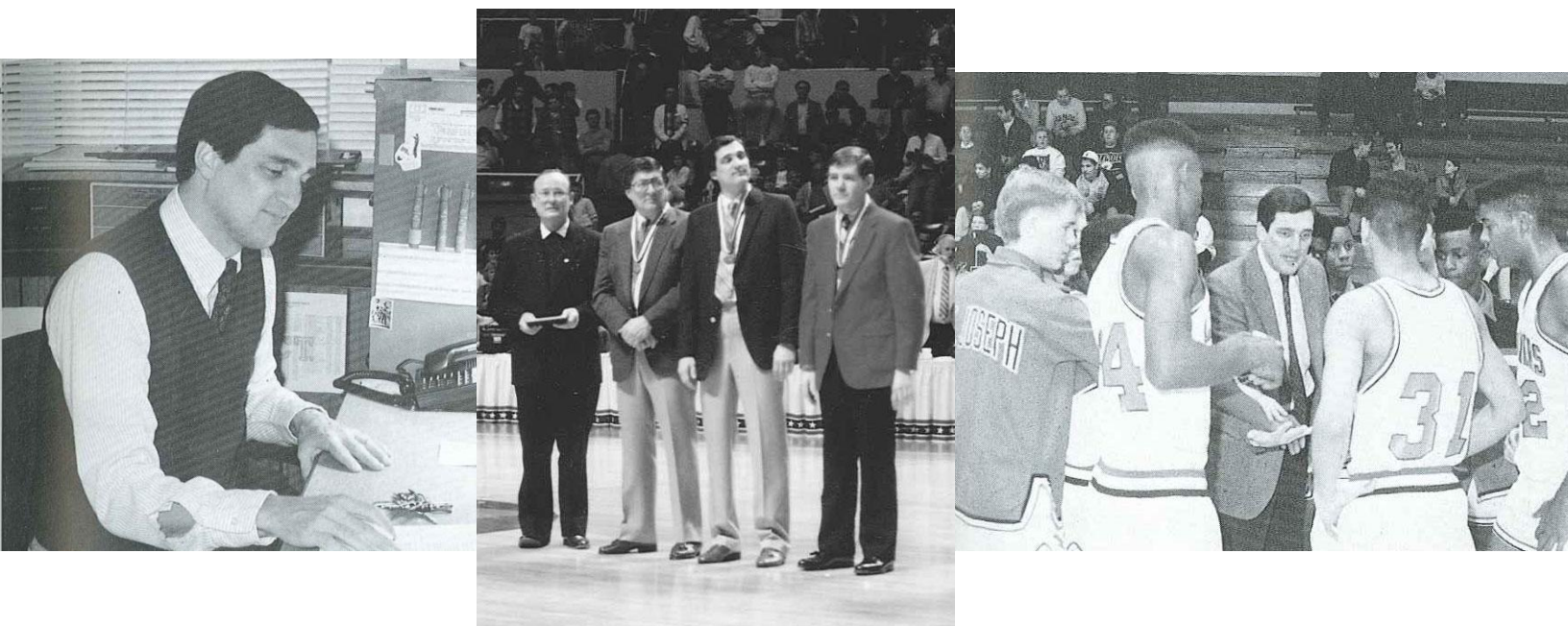
Born and raised in Northlake, Illinois, Dennis Doyle attended St. John Vianney School, Immaculate Conception High School and Northeastern University where he received a B.A. degree in History in 1973 and in 1980 earned his M.A. degree in Guidance and Counseling.

Dennis began his teaching and coaching career at St. Joseph High School in September of 1976. He spent 4 years as a teacher, head sophomore basketball coach and assistant varsity basketball coach before moving on to Cornell of the Ivy League as a varsity assistant coach in basketball.

He returned to St. Joseph in the fall of 1983, once again as head sophomore basketball coach and a varsity assistant coach where he remained until 1994. Dennis also coached tennis for the Chargers from 1984-1986. Dennis left St. Joseph in 1994 and accepted the position of counselor and head varsity basketball coach at Willowbrook High School. Dennis retired from coaching in 2006.

Dennis Doyle Passed away in September, 2011. Dennis is survived by his wife, Irene; two stepsons, Michael Pezza and Danny Pezza; a stepdaughter, Diana Pezza; four brothers, Patrick, Michael, Thomas and Edward; and a sister, Susan.

Dennis contributed 15 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the students of St. Joseph High School as a teacher, counselor and coach. He was a strict disciplinarian, a strong fundamentalist and a demanding, yet fair, individual. His teams were a mirror of his personality. During his 15 years as head sophomore coach, his teams won 8 East Suburban Catholic Conference titles. He was a key component in the rise of St. Joseph's basketball fortunes and touched the lives of hundreds of students.

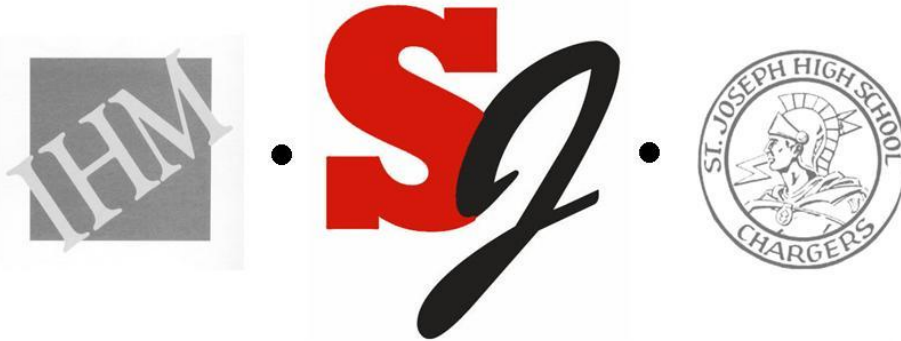


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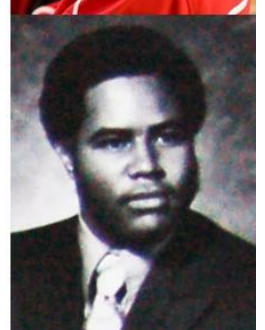
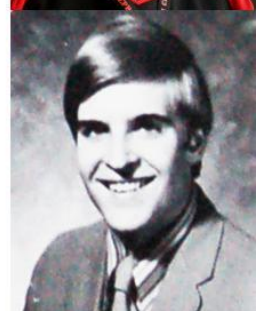
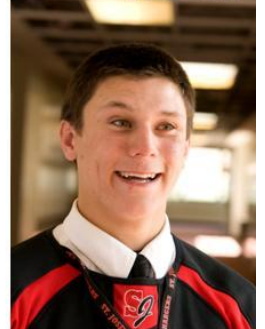
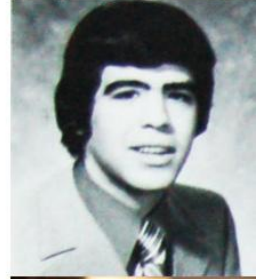
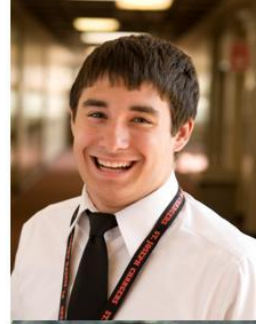
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