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# SOUNDINGS

## The Weekly Report

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As a student operated and edited publication, The Weekly Report brings current events from Fairfield Prep to students, faculty, alumni, and more.

## Campus Life



Congratulations to both the Fairfield Prep Ski and Swimming and Diving teams, who have both just won the State Championships and SCC Championship, respectively. It was the Ski Team's second year winning the title, and the Swim/Dive Team's 13th consecutive year!

**“Humble yourselves under God’s mighty hand, that He may then lift you up in due time”**

**1 Peter 5:6**

### Senior Gift 2017: Charlie Flynn

**Q: What is the participation like as of the week of March 3?**

**A: As of today, the fifth day of this effort, we are at 26% participation, which totals 60 seniors out of 220 in the class.**

**Q: What is the tradition of the Senior Gift?**

**A: In the past, seniors signed a form pledging to make a gift to the Fairfield Prep Fund beginning their first year after graduation, ending the year prior to their 5 year reunion. This tradition has evolved to a one year push for the highest participation percentage possible. After graduation, college-age alumni classes compete for the highest class participation in the Murphy Cup challenge.**

**Q: What is the goal of giving?**

**A: For the seniors, it cultivates each member as an annual, life-long, philanthropic participant in Fairfield Prep’s advancement.**

**For the Prep community, The Senior Class Gift symbolizes a powerful, passionate “thank you” to Prep for all it has done for 2017. Ipso facto, alumni are inspired to make gifts of their relative capacity!**

**For Fairfield Prep, it advances the institution: its Jesuit mission, its brotherhood, its excellence, its operations; and it sustains and ensures its future.**

## SPORTS

### Highlights

- In basketball, Patrick Harding #25 scored his 1,000<sup>th</sup> point.
- Erik Spinka took 1<sup>st</sup> place in U17 CT Indoor Rowing Championships. U19 Will Short/MJ Duffy placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Coxswain Schwartz placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Varsity Basketball Overall 9-10

02/10 FP 54 Xavier 56

02/07 FP 70 Hillhouse 62

### Varsity Ice Hockey Overall 8-6

02/10 FP 2 Bishop Hendricken 3

02/08 FP 3 Darien 1

### Upcoming Home Games:

Mon, 3/6 7:00pm- Away

Varsity Basketball v. Wilbur Cross

Wed, 3/8 TBD- Home

Varsity Hockey CIAC Division First Round

Thurs, 3/9 5:30pm- Away

Swimming & Diving v. Class LL  
Diving Championship

Sat, 3/11 Rugby v. Aspetuck

2:30 pm Varsity Red

2:30 pm Varsity White

Sat, 3/11 3:30pm- Away

Varsity Swimming and Diving Class LL  
Swimming Trials

# Bellarmino Corner

By Evan Bean '19

## Very New Faculty Interview

### Mr. Peter Francini, Guidance



*In the beginning of the third academic quarter at Prep, Mr. Francini, a Prep alumnus, rejoined our community as a Freshman/Sophomore guidance officer. Interested in his background, we asked him a few questions...*

*Mr. Francini is a very interesting and personable member of our faculty. After speaking with him, I think that everyone, both the student body and the faculty, should try their best to get to know him...even if you aren't a New York Fan.*

**Q.** Where did you work before this?

**A.** I worked at Malden Catholic High School, a Xavarian sponsored school in Malden Massachusetts, north of Boston.

**Q.** What was your responsibility there?

**A.** Well, I dealt with students in grades 10-12, I did a lot of stuff with the college application process. I also taught Honors Psychology there for five years and was a Councilor for six years. I coached JV golf for four or five years, and started a *Habitat for Humanity* chapter in my last three years.

**Q.** Wow, sounds like you were really busy. I heard you were a Prep alumnus, what year did you graduate?

**A.** I was in the graduating class of 2000 with Mr. Altieri and Mr. Cary.

**Q.** Are you excited to be here again?

**A.** Oh yes, absolutely. This (Arrupe Hall) didn't exist when I went here. It must be a luxury to not have to walk through...the rain. I'm excited to work here. It's different though, most of my former teachers have either passed away or moved on to something different or retired.

**Q.** Do any of your former teachers still work here?

**A.** Yes, I had Mrs. Keltos, and Mr. Hanrahan Sophomore year for Asian Studies. Dr. Andrade is still here. I had Mr. Sather for his first year, which is weird because he's not that much older.

**Q.** What's your favorite part of being back?

**A.** The brotherhood and sense of community. But honestly, I'm a big New York fan, and being in Massachusetts when the Patriots were winning the Super Bowl wasn't too fun. They were also talking about the Red Socks all the time, I'm really interested in sports, and I felt like I didn't really fit in. I've been here for two days now and I've already seen everyone with the little Giants stickers on and I'm like "Hey!"

**Q.** So you're enjoying it here?

**A.** Definitely! I mean I know now that I'm never going to fill out another resume again. Prep is my home, and I'm going to stay here.

## Ignatian Corner



### .Ash Wednesday

By Brenden Martinez '19

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, Fairfield Prep held its annual Ash Wednesday mass. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 day period of fasting leading up to Easter Sunday. Lent is a time for people to reflect on their choices throughout their past and to improve their relationships with God. This week's mass was celebrated by Father Simisky, with readings from Father Stockdale and several priests from Fairfield University.

### Ethics Bowl

By Charlie Flynn

The Fairfield Prep Philosophy Club, coached by Ms. Jackson and Mr. Kery, recently participated in the Ethic Bowl at Manhattanville College. The Ethics Bowl is a forum where students think critically about tough ethical issues and develop an argument and compete against other high schools in the National High School Ethics Bowl. An example of one ethical issue out of sixteen that the students develop an argument for is, "Does real experience have more value than a virtual reality experience if they feel the sale?" The Fairfield Prep Philosophy Club was one of seven high schools to participate in this event. The Philosophy Club won two rounds to enter the semifinal, but lost a close match in the semifinal. However, they did well enough to be selected for a special invitational meet at Manhattanville College on April 29. If you would like to participate in the Philosophy Club,

contact Ms. Jackson or come to X101 on Wednesdays from 2:40 to 3:15.

## The Arts



### Liturgical Choir at Father-Son Mass

By Evan Bean '19

On Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, Prep students and their fathers gathered together for the annual Father-Son Mass and Breakfast. The mass, held early in the morning, was celebrated by Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J. with student readers Collin O'Callohan and Teddy Whiteman. The Prep liturgical choir, including Jack Smith, Kenneth Geisert, Alex McMullen, Evan Bean, Zach Simonetti, and Alfred Kelly provided music for the event. After the mass, both fathers and students walked to the Student Life Center to hear a keynote speaker while having an early breakfast.



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