



Thirty-Five Inducted into National Honor Society by Mr. Katz

Every year for the last nine years, on an evening in late November or early December, I have had the pleasure to stand at the back of the stage and watch as students from Kennedy Catholic are inducted into

the students light their candles.

For the most part, however, the ceremony is handled by the current members of the Honor Society, who are welcom-

four qualities of scholarship, service, leadership and character. Kennedy's chapter of the National Honor Society is called the St. Mary's Chapter. It was started in 1956, when our school was actually a



the National Honor Society.

I have been the Chapter Advisor for the last nine years, and as such I help to coordinate the annual induction ceremony. My role in the ceremony includes handing out the membership certificates and cards to the new members and helping them light a candle which signifies their place in the Society. But as I often say, my main job is to make sure that I don't set my sleeve on fire as I help

ing the newly-elected students into the Society. Each new member is introduced by a current member, who tells the audience about the person being inducted. The current members largely run the show, and I am always moved by a great feeling of pride in the way that they conduct themselves.

The National Honor Society was formed in 1921, to honor students who exhibit the

predecessor school, St. Mary's of Katonah. Even though we are now Kennedy Catholic High School,

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the chapter name remains the same, in recognition of our school's roots.

This year, thirty-five Kennedy Catholic students were inducted into the St. Mary's Chapter of the National Honor Society at a ceremony held in the Auditorium on the evening of December 1<sup>st</sup>. Family members of the new inductees were in attendance, to watch as their students were introduced and welcomed into the Honor Society.

Fr. Vaillancourt gave the keynote address after the new members were introduced. He congratulated the new inductees on their accomplishments and on being selected to join the St.

Mary's Chapter. In his remarks, Fr. Vaillancourt mentioned the importance of all four of the traits required for admission into the Society. But in particular, he mentioned the trait of character.

Of course, being inducted into the Society is not the end of the line for the new students. They are expected to continue to exhibit the qualities which led to their induction. In addition, the students are required to provide peer tutoring to their schoolmates who seek the tutoring assistance through their guidance counselors.

I congratulate the following newly-inducted members of the St. Mary's Chapter of the National

Honor Society: Richard Aprile, Michael Baris, Jessica Bucaria, Megan Callaghan, Frank Conti, Tara Cremin, William Crockatt, Kevin Delfino, Sarah DiNome, Jena Lynne DiFrisco, Anthony Djerdjaj, Keriann Eliseo, Mackenzie Feehan, Vincent Fiorentino, Kim Galaraga, Kristen Gold, Victoria Holzinger, Juan Jimenez, Erin Joyce, Steven Kessler, Catherine Kastberg, Patrick Kiernan, Lauren Kennedy, Dylan Kloster, Katherine Lange, Andrew Ledley, Gerard Ledley, Jacqueline McAvoy, Emily Monigan, Colleen Nestler, Macarthur Odell, Kristina Puff, Louis Sarro, Dylan Salomone and Angelica Staib.



## The Guidance College Trip

by Jena Lynne DiFrisco ('12)

Over a long weekend this Fall, from November 4 to November 7, the Guidance Department – Mr. Schwartz, Ms. Morando and Mrs. White – took thirty eager sophomores and juniors on a trip to visit several colleges in Rhode Island. The students followed an extensive itinerary that included visits to six colleges: Providence College, Brown University, Rhode Island College, Bryant University, Roger Williams University and Salve Re-

gina University. Throughout the trip, the students received valuable information regarding the college decision and admissions process at each of these fine institutions.

Students had an opportunity to tour each of the campuses and see first-hand what college life is all about. The students ate lunch and breakfast in dining halls at Providence and Roger Williams. They were able to see

each college's classrooms and dorm rooms. They were able to attend personal admissions meetings for Providence, Bryant, Roger Williams and Rhode Island College. The students even attended a NCAA Division I ice hockey game.

The college trip allowed students to independently view all aspects of college. The sophomores and juniors were able to learn what they personally want

## The Guidance College Trip (continued)

in their college experience. Ms. Morando says that it is important to remember when visiting certain schools that your parents should not be the only ones asking questions or making comments; you should be, too. As the saying goes, the parents are not the ones going to college, you are!

The students emerged from this four-day trip with a new awareness and understanding of the college process. But they also had fun along the way. They stayed in hotels with their friends, played arcade games at Dave and Buster's, ate at delicious restaurants and even rode on a murder mystery train!

This is the third year that the Guidance Department has led this trip to acquaint Kennedy students with several colleges. The

college trip appears to be a growing and successful venture. So, Ms. Morando, Mr. Schwartz and Mrs. White – Where to next time?



## Kennedy Students Attend Superconductor Physics Summit

by Michael Campobasso ('12)

On Friday, November 12th, Mrs. Ioannou took twenty-five physics students to the Westchester Community College Superconductor Summit. WCC brought together several panels of experts to speak about superconductors and their applications. Although the complicated concepts were slightly difficult to grasp, Kennedy's students were exposed to this growing technology in an extremely informative manner.

For those who are unfamiliar with this matter of physics, the phenomenon of superconductivity occurs when a substance exhibits no resistance to electrical currents. To achieve superconductivity, the

substance being used must reach its critical temperature. This is the temperature at which the resistivity of the substance drops to zero.

Perhaps the most well-known use of superconductors is in MRI machines. MRI machines consist of superconducting magnets that are cooled with liquid helium to achieve negligible resistance. The critical temperature of helium is 2.17 K (nearly absolute zero, which has never been reached.) Helium is also a non-renewable resource, and therefore, scientists have sought renewable substances with higher critical temperatures for superconductor use. Higher critical temperatures

would allow applications to operate at liquid nitrogen temperatures, making them less difficult to use.

Many other applications were discussed at the Summit, such as the SQUID magnetometer, the Josephson junction, faster computers, and propulsion engine technology. Kennedy students learned that more than 80% of superconducting technologies are being developed in New York. Superconductivity is a developing technology that may play a major role in everyday life in the future. It's good stuff for aspiring physicists to know!

# **Christmas Thoughts and Memories from the Kennedy Faculty and Administration**

## **A Christmas Memory**

by Miss Willis

For two Christmases in a row I had the opportunity to travel to Portugal's Azore Islands, which are 800 miles from the European mainland. The setting is stunning, but most important to me was the chance to be in a small community where there was little emphasis on the material and commercial aspects of the season. Instead I experienced a unique spirit and faith celebrating the birth of Jesus. I also got to celebrate Christmas with the 2 people I am closest to: my mother and my twin sister. The latter and her husband were both Air Force medical officers serving our country in this remote yet beautiful place. It was a treat to be with her and her children for Christmas since we have lived so far apart and rarely get together then. Even more so, it was a blessing for both of us to spend those memorable weeks with our mom who died shortly thereafter. Memories of Christmas Mass in the "mid Atlantic" and a side trip to the Marian shrine at Fatima were the best gifts we have received in our adulthood.

## **Dear Santa...**

by Mrs. Morris

"Make a Wish". Hearing these words may bring images of blowing out birthday candles to the minds of some. Others may imagine wishing upon a star. When I hear "Make a Wish", I immediately think of The Make A Wish Foundation -- a wonderful organization that grants wishes to children with life threatening illnesses.

My family had a personal experience with the Make A Wish Organization seven years ago. I saw first hand how they make a child's wish come true, going above and beyond to bring happiness and excitement to a youngster going through a difficult time. My experience led me to become a volunteer with the organization and it is a gift for me to be able to help in any way I can.

This year, as in years past, Macy's has partnered with The Make A Wish Foundation to help make wishes come true. In every Macy's store, there is a big red mailbox waiting to be filled with letters to Santa. For every letter received, Macy's will donate \$1 to Make A Wish up to a total of \$1 million.

I wanted my classes to become involved in this project. One day recently, I explained to each of my classes my connection to the organization, as well as the fundraiser that Macy's was running. I asked each of my students to write a letter to Santa for me to deposit in the Macy's mailbox in the Jefferson Valley mall (the funds raised stay in the Hudson Valley area). I couldn't believe their reactions. I thought they might think it was ridiculous at their age to be writing to Santa or that they would consider it a chore. Instead, they were excited! Excited to be able to revert to their childhoods for a little while, but even more excited to be doing something to help bring some happiness into the lives of sick children. I didn't read their letters; we put each one in an envelope and sealed it, addressed it to Santa, and they are all ready to be deposited into that beautiful red Macy's mailbox to help make wishes come true.

## Helping the Community

### The W.H.Y. Club

by Michael Perez ('13)

Over the years, Kennedy Catholic has prided itself not only on its academics and athletics, but also on its students' involvement in clubs and other kinds of service activities. In particular, the students get involved in various organizations and groups that strive to help the community around them.

This year, over 31 club ideas were proposed. One of these clubs was Club W.H.Y. – an acronym for We Help You. I was able to get a few words from one of the club's founders, sophomore Victoria Towey. Here are excerpts from my interview with her:

Q: What is the purpose of Club W.H.Y. ?

A: Club W.H.Y. is basically here to try and make a change. I look around every day and see hundreds of problems in the community that we could try and fix.

Q: How did Club W.H.Y. originate?

A: Actually, Club W.H.Y. was originally supposed to be named "The Purple X", as a joke that my friends and I had last year. When Club Day came around, we said, "Hey, remember The Purple X? Let's make it a club." But we changed the name to Club W.H.Y., because we realized that if we named it The Purple X, people might not get what we are about.

Q: What does Club W.H.Y. plan to do in the future?

A: Club W.H.Y. is actually in the midst of our first activity. We are planning to do a coin drive relief for Haiti. It's still in the works, but we're all excited about it.

The interview with Victoria was extremely moving, especially because of the fact that she and her peers are so excited to make a change in the world. Kennedy students are more than just students. We are part of the community, OUR community. We plan to help our community make changes for the better.

### PajamaProgram(dot)Org

by Mr. Bergmeier

On November 10th, the efforts of the Inspire Reading Club came to fruition when they gave pajamas and nurturing books to kids in need. The club has been collecting articles of clothing and books for [PajamaProgram.org](http://PajamaProgram.org). The Westchester County based organization collects pajamas and nurturing books for children in need, especially at this cold time of year. Club President Jena Lynne DiFrisco says she feels that reading is important starting at a young age and she wants to make sure that all children have the similar opportunities that she had growing up. Another book drive is planned for later this school year and they plan on visiting some of the children in need to read and spend quality time with them.



## Preview of Spring Musical – On the Town

By Theresa Mazzuca ('14)

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Hey everyone! I thought you all should know about the spring musical and know a few people who have leads. If you don't already know, the musical is "On the Town". It is being directed by Ms. Boston, who has joined the faculty while Mrs. Totoda is away on maternity leave.

On the Town originally played on Broadway from late 1944 into 1946. The show had brief revivals on the New York stage in 1971 and 1998. But On the Town is probably best known as a movie, starring Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra. The movie version debuted in 1949.

The story of On the Town takes place during World War II. It is the tale of three sailors on a 24 hour leave from their ship docked in this fabulous city. Memorable musical numbers include "Come Up to My Place," "Lucky to Be Me," "Some Other Time" and perhaps the most famous one, "New York, New York" (not to be confused with the later song of the same name, which is played at the end of Yankee games at Yankee Stadium).

The three sailors are Ozzie (played by Michael Campobasso, '12), Chip (Tony Ruperto, '11), and Gabey (Nico Vandenberg, '12). Each of the sailors becomes enamored with a girl who he meets on his day in the town.

The three girls are named Claire, Hildy and Ivy. Claire is being played alternately by Kim Galaraga, '11 and Elizabeth Brennan, '11; Hildy is being played by Sabrina Surace, '14; and Ivy is being played by Jena Lynne Di-Frisco, '12.

Jena Lynne DiFrisco plays Ivy Smith. Ivy is an aspiring dancer, looking to make it big in the Big Apple. In the meantime, she has also been named New York City's "Miss Turnstyle"; her picture adorns the stations and cars of the subway system. Ivy becomes the love interest of sailor Gabey. In real life, Jena Lynne has actually been dancing for 13 years, so in many ways, she is quite like the graceful and determined Ivy.

Sabrina Surace is a freshman, playing one of the key female roles. Her character, Hildy, is the love interest of sailor Chip. Hildy is a very strong minded and opinionated person. Sabrina can be that way, too.

Elizabeth Brennan is one of two performers who

will play the role of Claire. Claire is the love interest of Ozzie, and she is, it seems, kind of flaky. Liz says that she is not too much like her character. But she does think that playing a character who is so completely different from her is what makes acting so fun. Liz tries to find situations in her life similar to those of



her character, so that she can better relate to her. For example, the way Claire feels about men is the way Liz feels about chocolate – she just can't resist.

When I asked Kim Galaraga (the other Claire) about her character, she said, "My character is Claire. She is an anthropologist who specializes in the study of man. She is intelligent, curious and obsessed with her work.

## On the Town (continued)

When she meets Ozzie she is amazed and is almost animalistic when trying to analyze him. I am so thankful for getting this part, because she is such a funny character to work with. I can experiment with her in so many different ways, and I know she will contribute many things to the show."

Michael Campobasso plays Ozzie, the sailor who ends up in the wrong museum and is distracted by Claire. When I asked Mike how he is like his character, he said, "Ozzie likes to get with the ladies and so do I. He's romantic and such." Funny guy!

Nico Vandenberg plays Gabey, who spots "Miss Turnstyle" of the month. He becomes infatuated by her pretty smile and glamorous description, and his infatuation gives the three men a mission – to find the billboard girl in a city with millions of women. Nico told me, "Like Gabey, I myself can be very serious on most things, and I also hope to meet that one special girl, someday."

Tony Ruperto plays Chip, the sailor who becomes interested in Hildy, a female taxi driver in New York. Tony has been appearing in shows at Kennedy since his freshman year. This show marks another in his long string of musical performances.

I hope that you now know quite a bit about our upcoming school musical. We also hope that you will make the time to attend and watch your schoolmates in action on stage. The dates for the show are as follows: March 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. It's a really great play. I hope you all come to see it!

Lara Manbeck provided assistance in the preparation of this article.

## MUSIC REVIEW

### *What Separates Them from the Others*

### A review of the new album by A Day to Remember

By Cameron Sacchet ('13)

"What Separates Me from You" is the third full-length studio album released by pop-punk/hardcore band A Day to Remember. The band from Ocala, Florida, blends their unique style of pop-punk music with screaming vocals and hardcore breakdowns.

Although this new album may be somewhat softer than the other two they have released, it still shows excellence and it definitely shows they have not sold themselves to mainstream music. What Separates Me from You consists of ten songs. This album has a little something for everybody. Fans who are loyal to their harder side will enjoy

songs such as "Sticks and Bricks" and "You Be Tails, I'll Be Sonic". Fans of their more pop-punk side will enjoy songs such as "If I Leave, All I Want", and "Out of Time". Whether its lead singer Jeremy McKinnon's screaming vocals, or his soft ballads and verse breakdowns, A Day to Remember never fails to impress.

The only thing this album may be lacking is a soft, acoustic song as on the other two albums. This album shows passion, anger, carelessness, heartache and writhing. You'll have this one on repeat all day long. Five Stars.



## A Discussion With Mr. Brewster

By Nicole Alleva ('13)

As we approach the annual Christmas concert, I asked Mr. Brewster to take a few minutes away from his busy rehearsal schedule to answer a few questions about the upcoming concert, as well as his transition to band leader this year.

One of the biggest changes that Mr. Brewster made this year was that he created a new "Band Homeroom" for all members of the KCHS Band. The goal of creating this new homeroom was to maximize precious rehearsal time. So far, Mr. Brewster feels that the homeroom is successful, but it is a process, and he is still working out some of the details.

I asked Mr. Brewster what his biggest challenge has been so far this year, and he told me that the hardest challenge was finding a middle ground between the advanced players and the beginners.

The key to a successful concert is the dedication and hard work of the entire band. Mr. Brewster feels that his

work with the band last year has certainly made his transition to

For this year's Christmas concert, Mr. Brewster selected a



band leader this year easier because it gave him an opportunity to get to know the students. And speaking with some band members, they feel the same.

variety of familiar Christmas tunes. When I asked him how he selected the music for the concert, he told me that he wanted at least two difficult pieces to challenge the band. To round out the line-up, Mr. Brewster added some classic Christmas songs.

During the second half of the year, the band will be traveling to feeder schools to perform. In addition, Mr. Brewster is planning some additional performances with smaller groups, similar to the percussion ensemble at last year's Spring Concert. Mr. Brewster emphasized the importance of practicing, lessons and rehearsals, because they are how a music student becomes proficient and learns how to play his or her instrument. His advice for any person looking to study music in college is "Play a lot, and find music that you love."

## American Idiot, The Musical

By Jax Descloux ('12)

“Green Day’s American Idiot” is currently playing to rave reviews on Broadway. This show is a rock opera based on the legendary album by Green Day. The album was released in 2004. It achieved multiple-platinum status in the United States and elsewhere, and it won the Grammy Award for Best Rock Album. The show also features a few songs from Green Day’s 2009 album, “21<sup>st</sup> Century Breakdown”.

The show is full of heart pounding drum beats and electrifying guitar rifts. It contains several in-your-face songs, with a couple of ballads thrown in. The features several hit songs. Among them are the title song (“American Idiot”), as well as “Holiday”, “Boulevard of Broken Dreams”, “Wake Me Up When September Ends” and “21 Guns”. The original cast of the show includes John Gallagher Jr., who previously won a Tony Award for his role as Moritz in another rock-oriented Broadway show, “Spring Awakening”.

As does the album, the Broadway version of American Idiot talks about how our generation is dealing with personal struggles in America. The three leads, Johnny, Will, and Tunny, go through the experience of trying to find who they are and who they want to be. The friendship between these three buddies is tested by their fears and insecurities.

Johnny wants to leave suburbia and go to the big city with his two close friends. But Will decides to stay behind, awaiting the birth of a baby with his pregnant girlfriend. So

Johnny leaves his broken home and goes on the journey with Tunny. During the journey, Johnny’s alter ego, St. Jimmy, comes alive and makes him do dangerous things he has never done before. St. Jimmy represents things that Johnny thinks he may want to be; he’s not sure. As he goes on, Johnny meets a girl he calls Whatsername. Johnny is faced for the first time with a relationship of love, but he’s also faced with St. Jimmy controlling much that he does. Johnny chooses to follow St. Jimmy instead of his girlfriend (Whatsername). Whatsername tries to tell him that St. Jimmy is not real, but Johnny ignores her, and Whatsername leaves.

Will, meanwhile, having stayed behind with his girlfriend, is trying to make ends meet with the new baby on the way. But Will falls into a problem with alcohol and drugs, and his girlfriend leaves him and finds a more stable and sober man.

Tunny had also left suburbia, with Johnny, to try to find a better life. One night he sees a commercial for the military and decides to join up. He is deployed to war, and he is wounded.

But in the end, all three of the friends come around and find their way. Johnny eventually kills off St. Jimmy and takes control of his life again. He soon realizes that he doesn’t want to be in the big city after all, and he returns to suburbia, with a new outlook on life. A year later, he looks back on his life and Whatsername. He is sad that he lost the girl that he

loved, but he accepts that he can live with life the way things are. For his part, Will begins to understand the need to take on his responsibilities. And Tunny, the wounded soldier, falls in love with the nurse who has helped him with his recovery.

American Idiot is a musical you should definitely go to see. It shows that many people go through difficult times in life, and many other people are going through challenges. But you can figure it out by looking deep inside you and finding out what truly matters. The musical shows that life can be affected by outside choices and by your own mind. In the end, all the guys look back on their lives and start to prepare for the future. We hope they all have the time of their lives.

Speaking of which – At the end of the show, the cast appear for the curtain call. When the curtain rises, the entire cast is standing there, all of them holding guitars. The curtain call consists of the entire cast singing another of Green Day’s famous hits, although one from its earlier, more innocent days – “Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)”.

Finally, there’s one exciting bit of casting news: Billie Joe Armstrong, the lead singer and songwriter of Green Day, appeared for one week this Fall in the show in the role of St. Jimmy. He liked it so much that he is returning for another fifty performances spread out over this coming January and February.

## Boys Basketball Starts Strong

by The Gael Winds Sports Staff

# SPORTS

The Kennedy boys basketball team posted resounding wins in their first two games of the season – 77-53 over Yorktown on December 8, and 77-33 over Arlington on December 10. Both games were played at Kennedy Catholic, and the crowd at each game featured a “white-out” by members of the student body, as students wore white t-shirts to present a unified wall of support for the boys on the floor. The team featured four seniors and a junior in the starting lineup – Frankie Kelly and Dan Girolamo in the backcourt, and Dan Healy, Ryan Hickey and Jordan Hardy (the sole starting junior) up front.

The Yorktown game was a chance for the Kennedy to avenge a defeat to Yorktown last year. The Gaels got off to a good lead in the first half, led by Frankie Kelly's 15 points before halftime.

They also came out quickly in the second half, led by Dan Healy's long-range shooting. The Gaels built up a 20 point lead early in the second half and never looked back. Four Gaels players scored in double figures. Dan Healy led the Gaels in scoring with 25 points, Frankie Kelly finished with 19, Ryan Hickey had 13 and Jordan Hardy had 12. The defense played a strong game, and the Gaels looked strong on the boards. Yorktown was missing a key player, 6' 5" sophomore Chris Schmitz, who is out with a fractured foot. Still, the Gaels played a solid opening game and looked good at both ends of the court.

The next game, against Arlington, started a little slowly for Kennedy. The Gaels fell behind by several points midway through the first quarter, as Arlington drove well and hit two three-pointers. But the Gaels quickly turned the tide and tied the

score at 14 after one quarter of play. For the next three quarters, the Gaels put on an impressive blitz. They outscored Arlington 24-4 in the second quarter to take a 20 point lead at halftime. They continued to pour it on in the second half, outscoring the visitors by 41-15, to win the game going away. The Gaels employed a tenacious defense, which led to many easy buckets for the home team as the game went on. The Gaels also hit nine three-pointers. Dan Healy and Frankie Kelly led the scoring for Kennedy for the second game in a row, with Healy scoring 22 and Kelly putting in 16.

So the basketball team for the Kennedy boys is off to a good start. The upcoming schedule includes two games on the road – December 20<sup>th</sup> at Lourdes, and December 22<sup>nd</sup> at Mahopac.





## The Big Chill

by John Davin ('13)

The Kennedy Catholic Boys Winter Track and Field team made its debut on Saturday, December 4 at Yorktown High School. Yorktown held its annual outdoor track meet, which is known as the Big Chill. It has acquired that name because it is an outdoor meet during the indoor season. It always feels like you are running in subzero temperatures. However, the cold did not weaken the team's performance in the slightest.

The high jump relay team, which consisted of Michael Campobasso, Jason Davin and John Davin, placed first, with a height of 10'8". The shuttle hurdle relay team, composed of Michael Campo-

basso, Jason Davin and Liam Perry, placed second, with a time of 27.9 seconds. Michael Campobasso, Anthony Djerdjaj, Zack Furman and Liam Perry ran the 800-meter relay; they finished with a time of 1:42.4, which earned them second place. The sprint medley relay team earned second place, with a time of 1:47; this team was comprised of Jason Davin, John Davin, Zack Furman and Liam Perry. Regardless of temperature, the Kennedy Catholic Boys Winter Track and Field team never fails to impress.

This outstanding start to the season gives the boys determination and mental toughness that will help them

as they seek another league victory. They would not be a team of high achievers without the continual instruction and support that their Coach, Mr. Lawrence Elliott, gives them. Coach Elliott frequently reminds the boys that they have a very small team compared to most of the schools in the area. But the members of this team compete in every meet with intensity, heart and desire, as well as a love of their sport. Coach Elliott holds them to high standards and tells them to never give up. They plan on not letting him down.

## The Ski and Snowboard Club

### Q&A with Tommy LeBlanc

The winter season is right around the corner, snow junkies! The purpose of this article is to answer some commonly asked questions about KSki, the Kennedy Ski and Snowboard Club:

#### **How many members are currently signed up for KSki?**

There are about 40 members in the Ski and Snowboard club. There is a pretty even number of skiers and snowboarders.

#### **What mountains will be visited by the club?**

There are seven major mountains I would like to go to with the club. In order of distance, they are: Thunder Ridge, Mohawk Mountain, Mountain Creek, Butternut, Catamount, Hunter Mountain and Windham.

#### **Which faculty members are involved?**

Father Vaillancourt is the official moderator. Mrs. O'Rourke, among others, also supports KSki.

#### **How much money will I need?**

Expect costs for a bus and rentals (if needed), as well as for group-discounted tickets.

#### **What are the requirements to join KSki?**

There are none. Anyone is welcome to sign up. There are a number of beginners signed up, so you shouldn't feel that you are not good enough. Anyone can join!

#### **How can I sign up?**

Simply talk to me (you may rec-

ognize my face from Kennedy Live). I will ask you for your name and phone number, then I will add you to our group on Facebook. You can also contact me at <KennedySkiing@aol.com>.

#### **Where can I find updates and information about KSki?**

There is a group on Facebook named Kennedy Ski/Snowboard Club, where I will post updates, host discussions and announce our meetings.

## A Game Filled With History

by Jason Davin ('11)

**Editor's Note: Kennedy Catholic senior Jason Davin is planning to attend the United States Naval Academy after his graduation from high school. Jason's two older brothers – both Kennedy Catholic alums – are Naval Academy men: Joe graduated from the Academy in 2009, and Jim is in his final year. The following is Jason's take on the Army-Navy football rivalry:**

On Saturday, December 12, 2010, the United States Naval Academy Midshipmen (9-3) defeated the United States Military Academy Cadets (6-6) in the 111th annual Army-Navy game, held at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This win improved Navy's series lead to 55-49-7 and was their ninth straight win against the Army Cadets.

Navy won by a score of 31-17 in a hard-fought game of seven turnovers. In the first four offensive plays of the game, both Navy and Army had already swapped fumbles. The Midshipmen took control however and drove down field to complete a 36-yard field goal to take a lead of 3-0. The Midshipmen regained possession soon after, on a punt, thanks to their solid defense. Junior quarterback Ricky Dobbs then threw a 77-yard touchdown, the longest passing score in series history, to increase the lead to 10-0. Later on in the second quarter, Dobbs threw a 32-yard pass for another touchdown, which allowed Dobbs to match Alton Grizzard's single-season school record with 12 touchdown passes and further improved the score to 17-0. Army, led by senior quarterback Trent Steelman put some points on the board with a 5-yard touchdown pass to make the score 17-7, their first touchdown against Navy since the fourth quarter of the 2006 game. Army regained possession and drove to the Navy three yard line, only to be stood up. With 1:03 remaining in the half, Trent Steelman fumbled on a quarterback keeper on the two-yard line where senior Navy safety Wyatt Middleton picked it up out of his hands and returned it 98 yards for a touchdown, the longest fumble return in Navy history. The score at halftime was 24-7, and the Army Cadets were silenced. That one key play changed the whole mood of the game, which could have been 17-14, had the Cadets not lost the ball.

Army controlled the ball much of the second half, but a 42-yard field goal was all they had to show for it as they trailed 24-10. Navy scored once again on a 25-yard run, to make the score 31-10. Army put their final points on the scoreboard with a 45-yard touchdown pass to

slim the deficit to 31-17. But it was not enough. Junior Navy quarterback Ricky Dobbs was named the Player of the Game, going 6 of 11 for 186 yards, two touchdowns, and one interception. Senior Army quarterback Trent Steelman went 11 of 20 for 128 yards and two touchdowns. Army led in the stats with 74 offensive plays, amassing 337 yards as compared to Navy's 49 plays for 325 yards. Navy, however, dominated the field with its ability to both throw and run the triple-option well, leading to a large number of big, ten yard plus plays. Despite the loss, Army is headed to its first bowl game since 1996, the Armed Forces Bowl on December 30 in Dallas against Southern Methodist University. The Midshipmen will play San Diego State in the Poinsettia Bowl on December 23.

This historic football match up has been going on longer than most of us can remember. The first meeting between these two teams was in 1890, and this game has been held every year since, with the exception of only 10 years. This game has come to symbolize the spirit of the interservice rivalry of the United States Armed Forces. It is traditionally played in Philadelphia, roughly equidistant from the two academies, and is the last game of the regular season. At the end of the game the alma maters of the winning team and the losing team are played and sung. The winning team stands alongside the losing team and faces the losing academy students; then the losing team accompanies the winning team, facing their students. This is done in a show of mutual respect and solidarity. The rivalry between Annapolis and West Point, while friendly, is intense. Even the mascots, the Navy Goat and Army Mule, have been known to play pranks on each other. Midshipmen live and breathe the phrase "Beat Army," while the Cadets have the opposite drummed into them. Even the weight plates in the Navy weight room are stamped with the phrase "Beat Army." They have become a symbol of competitiveness, not just in the Army-Navy Game, but also in the service of their country, and are often used at the close of informal letters by graduates of both academies.

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Occasionally, the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy, awarded to each season's winner of the triangular series between Army, Navy, and Air Force, will be at stake in this game. For most of the 1970s, Navy had held the trophy. After a period of fluctuation for most of the 1980s, Air Force dominated the competition until the early 2000s. Navy has been the dominant team in the rivalry for most of the 2000s, winning every game in the triangular rivalry starting with the 2002 Army-Navy Game and ending with a 14-6 loss to Air Force this season. If there were a tie in the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy competition, the trophy would remain with the incumbent team. The rivalries Army and Navy have with the Air Force Academy are much less intense than the Army-Navy rivalry, primarily due to the relative youth of the Air Force Academy, and the physical distance between Air Force and the other two schools, with the Air Force Academy being located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Despite this fact, the interservice rivalry remains strong, and these games, especially the Army-Navy game, serve as a morale boost for all troops serving overseas that watch. My only hope is that the Midshipmen maintain this winning streak for my four years at the Naval Academy and with that in mind, GO NAVY, BEAT ARMY!

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