



# ACADEMY IN ACTION

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Another successful Catholic Schools Week is in the books. Our celebrations included service projects, fun dress downs, an exciting schoolwide trip, teacher appreciation assembly, inspiring speakers from the community as well as a leadership themed career day. We even had a special visit from Bishop Neil Tiedemann.



A highlight of the week was a presentation from Joe Quinn (pictured above alongside his niece Kiley and myself), class of '94, who served two tours in Iraq in the wake of his brother Jimmy's death on 9/11. He has devoted his professional career to helping veterans and he reminded the children that serving others is the best way to serve our country. This theme of serving others was one we saw again and again through the week's activities.

On March 13th we will hold two information sessions geared toward families interested in potentially transferring from our religious education program to the school. We hope you will join us (more detailed invite to follow after February break)! If you have any questions about the school or our activities, feel free to reach out to me at [jobrien@gscabk.org](mailto:jobrien@gscabk.org).

In Christ,  
Mr. O'Brien

### SAVE THE DATE....

Feb 8, 8pm: GSCA Night at the Races  
Feb 9 (see sidebar): GS Sports Valentine's Dance  
Mar 13: Religious Education Info Sessions (timing TBD)  
May 17: GSCA Card Party (details to come)

## COMMUNITY EVENT



The Good Shepherd Sports Committee invites all families to attend a Valentines Dance on Saturday February 9th in the school auditorium. From 4-6pm grades K-3 will celebrate followed by grades 4-8 from 7-10pm. Admission is \$12. For more info, contact:  
Sue 718-490-6257  
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## STAFF NEWS

On January 18th the teachers at GSCA attended a professional development on STREAM, ways to incorporate religion into the STEM curriculum. The staff is eager to implement these new ideas in their rooms.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly 60% of eligible students received honors in the first trimester-we are so proud of their hard work!