

SEPTEMBER
2025

Life is remembered through moments, not days! And this past school year, the alumni association experienced many wonderful moments that truly will last a lifetime. Starting with the Alumni Mass and Breakfast last November to the Faith and Service Dinner in April and ending the year with over 300 participants at our 150th School celebration in May, the alumni of ALL of our schools, showed up and fully embraced and recounted amazing 'moments' from years gone by.

Now it is time to move forward with creating new 'moments' not just for our alumni but also for our current students and future alumni. The alumni committee will be working on a couple of events for this school year and once they are finalized, information will be disseminated. Please note that there will NOT be an Alumni Mass and Breakfast this November due to a conflict but we will be sure to have this wonderful event return to the calendar in 2026.

I am a firm believer that the best way to predict the future is to create it. So if you have any ideas of alumni events you would like to see occur moving forward, please send me an email at Markus.Margie06@gmail.com, as I look forward to hearing from you.

And remember, to always stay connected to the friends and mentors you made at SPSJ, PCHS, All Saints, and SSPJ. This community can be a tremendous source of support and opportunity – if you take the time to nurture it and always keep in mind, that we “together” can make things happen.

Have a wonderful rest of the calendar year!
Margie Markus '69





Alumni Showcase

We want to showcase the amazing things our alumni are doing!!! We love seeing the many photos you post and send from recent get togethers and events. If you have photos or any other exciting updates to share with our other alumni, please email Bettina Stettner at stettner.bettina@spsj.org.

Upcoming Fundraisers & Events

Panera Dine to Donate Fundraiser

Thursday, October 16, from 4-8pm

*(*Please remember to show the flyer included on page 4 at the time of purchase).*

SSPJ School Readathon:

Runs Tuesday 10/14/25 through Monday 11/17/25

Mini Photo Sessions:

Candid Captures by Kristina. October 25, & 26 (Please see flyer included on page 5 for more details)

SSPJ Trunk or Treat:

Friday, 10/24/25

SSPJ Tricky Tray:

Saturday, 11/15/25 at Saints Philip and James School!
Save the Date! Our Tricky Tray Committee is still in need of donations to make this event a success. For information on ways to donate please see the flyer included on page 6.

For the latest information on these and other school events, please visit sspjnj.org

Monsignor Sheehan Scholarship Fund

Give the gift of a Catholic education!
Contributions to the fund are awarded each July to families that otherwise could not afford a Catholic school education. To contribute, simply put your donation in an envelope marked for the scholarship and place in the collection basket. Making online donations? Please consider adding a scholarship fund to your monthly donations.



Alumni Out & About



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1: A group from PCHS class of 1973 got together for a 70th birthday celebration!



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2: A few classmates from 1969 met former French teacher, Sister Mystica, for lunch.

3: Dr. James and Camille Brennan have proudly become Elizabeth Firth-Wade Tribute sponsors for the 34th annual banquet.

4: Top Row Left: Christina Michalik (left) SSPJ class of 2001 and current HSA President at Back to School Night; Top Row Right: Gianni Siano, SSPJ class of '25, volunteering in the school office; Bottom Row: Emily Szczepanski, class of '23, creating beautiful displays and earning service hours over summer vacation.

5: Photos from the 150th Celebration held in May.



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We're raising dough!

SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES SCHOOL

**October 16, 2025
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

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Candid Captures
by Kristina

Mini Photo SESSION

**Saints Philip & James School
HSA Fundraiser**

Van Nest Hoff
Vannatta Farmstead

3026 Belvidere Rd
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865



10 minute time spot



5 Digital Images



\$125



Text me (Kristina) to book
(609)851-4328



**OCTOBER
25 & 26
10AM-12PM**

**NOVEMBER 12
2PM-4PM**



\$50
from each
session will be
donated to
Saints Philip &
James School
HSA



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The poster is decorated with various autumn-themed illustrations including orange, red, and brown leaves, acorns, and green ferns scattered around the text.

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13TH ANNUAL

Tricky Tray

NOVEMBER 15TH, 2025

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING AN ITEM
FROM OUR AMAZON WISHLIST
TOWARDS OUR SCHOOL'S
ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY!

WE ARE ALSO ACCEPTING ALREADY
CREATED BASKETS, GIFT CARDS, AND
BOTTLES OF WINE!



ITEMS TO BE SENT/RECEIVED TO OUR SCHOOL OFFICE
NO LATER THAN 10/31 PLEASE.

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