

*St. Johns High School Top Ten Academic Performers*

*Lindy Cowan  
Chase Curtin  
Caitlin Doolittle  
Jarrod Eaton  
Alyssa Morrow  
Benjamin Pierson  
Alexa Ruestman  
Alex Ruff  
John Shaver  
Makenzie C. Thelen*

*St. Johns Board of Education*

Superintendent.....Dr. Ken Ladouceur  
Board President.....William Tennant  
Board Vice President.....Scott Marier  
Board Treasurer.....Rick Drabek  
Board Secretary.....Dr. Nicholas Koenigsnecht  
Board Trustee.....Rhonda Dedyne  
Board Trustee.....Alan Nelson  
Board Trustee.....Phillip Schrantz  
Student Representative.....Tyler Wilkie

*St. Johns High School Administration*

Principal .....Mark Palmer  
Assistant Principal ..... Mark Horak  
Activities Director .....Chris Ervin  
Counselor.....Rebecca Holmes Bukantis  
Counselor.....Tammi Ballard  
Counselor.....Lisa Marier

*The Administration and  
Staff of the St. Johns  
High School  
congratulates all of our  
2013 graduates!*



*Class Flower: Lily*

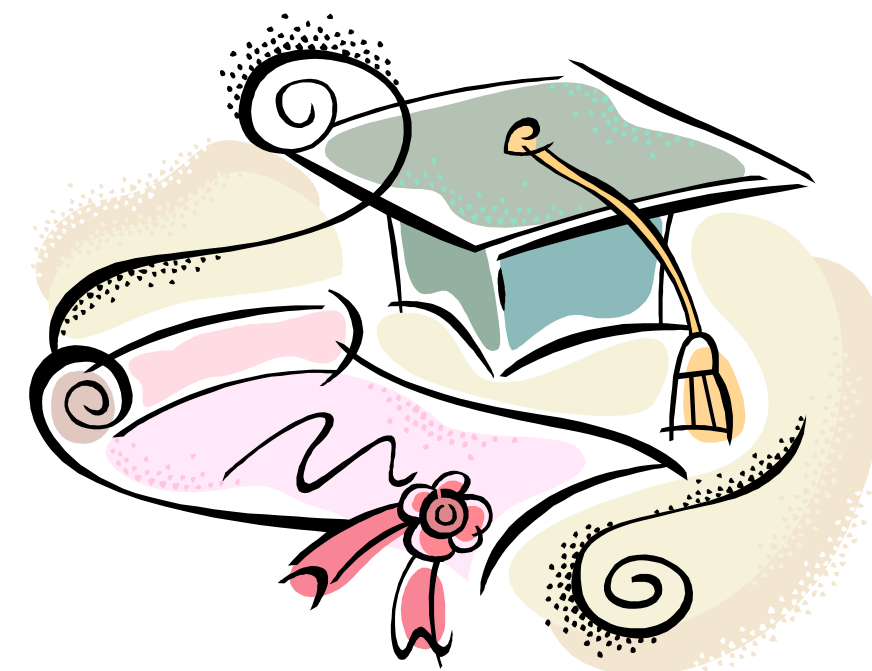
*Class song: It's Time by Imagine Dragons*

*"What lies behind us and what lies  
before us are tiny matters compared to  
what lies within us." Ralph Waldo*

*St. Johns High School*

*Senior Awards Ceremony*

*May 28, 2013*



*"Excellence in  
Education"*



## Senior Awards, May 28, 2013

**OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS**.....Mr. Mark Palmer

**Citizenship, Perfect Attendance Award**.....Mr. Mark Palmer

### DEPARTMENT AWARDS

**Art** .....Mrs. Brita Astle

**Business**.....Mrs. Cindy Deveau

IT/Programming Student of the Year

Business Student of the Year

Outstanding Accounting Student of the Year

Desktop Publishing Student of the year

**Communication Arts** .....Ms. Connie Ciangi

**Industrial Technology** .....Mr. Rick LaBar

**Industrial Arts** .....Mr. Matt Billings

**Journalism** .....Mrs. Cindy Irish

#### **Dorthea Bates Journalism Award**

The Dorthea Bates Journalism Award recognizes outstanding student accomplishment in Yearbook. When Mrs. Bates taught Journalism at Rodney B. Wilson High School many years ago, her philosophy was, "Seek out the facts, write with imagination, let your conscience be your guide, and get it in on time!" The recipient of the award in her honor will receive a plaque. In addition, names of awardees will be engraved on a permanent plaque which hangs in the media center.

**Math**.....Mr. Jason Gnegy/Craig Bishop

First Bank Outstanding Mathematician

**Music**.....Mr. Roy Davis

**Science**.....Mr. Derrick Veale

**Sparrow Clinton Hospital & St. Johns Animal Clinic Scholarship**

**Social Studies**.....Mr. Dave Stukey

**World Languages**.....Mrs. Jennifer Brewer

### AWARDS

**Alumni Scholarship Award**..... Mr. Mark Palmer

**The Gleaner Life Insurance Society Scholarship Foundation Award**

**Red Cross Scholarship**.....Mrs. Cynthia Deveau

**SJEA Community Service Award**.....Mr. Robert Sackrider

**MEA Scholarship**.....Mr. Robert Sackrider

**Clinton County Chamber of Commerce St. Johns Mint Festival Scholarship**

.....Mrs. Shannon Schlegel

**Clinton County Republican Party Scholarship**.....Mr. Mike Wagner

**Rotary Club of St. Johns Scholarship**.....Peter Shannon

**Lions Service Award**.....Mrs. Sunday Todoscuik

**HIGCUP Service Award, In Memory of terry and Dennis Henning**

.....Mr. Jason Gnegy

**Sparrow Clinton Hospital Foundation Wyman Health Careers**

.....Mr. Peter Shannon

### AWARDS

**Terry Cornwell Award**..... Mr. Mark Palmer

The Terry Cornwell Award was established in 2005 by his family and many friends to continue the work of a man who always saw the positive in the students he helped. We remember him for his compassion, his caring nature, and his unique ability to bring out the best in the students he worked with as a teacher and counselor with the St. Johns Schools. This award will be given annually to a student who has demonstrated significant personal growth or who has overcome adversity and has a career goal that the award can help support. With this award Terry's spirit continues to help "his" kids.

**Andrew H. Nelson Memorial Scholarship**..... Mr. Alan Nelson

The Andrew H. Nelson Memorial Scholarship was established by Alan and Tami Nelson and their daughters, Jessica and Stephanie, to honor their son and brother, Andrew, who was killed in action on December 25, 2006 in Bagdad Iraq while serving his Country in "Operation Iraqi Freedom." Andrew started swimming at the age of nine years old with the St. Johns Sea Lions. In high school he was a four year varsity letter winner, and was Captain of the swim team his senior year, in 2005. There will be two recipients of this award each year; one senior boy swimmer and one senior girl swimmer that will be attending a college of their choice. The recipients of this award will be chosen by the coaching staff of the boys and girls swim team, along with the high school principal and guidance counselors. The recipients will be required to maintain a 3.0 grade point average, and will be selected based on their overall attitude, team spirit, dedication and their display of leadership of the team. This award was made possible because of the very supportive, caring, and loving people in the community of St. Johns.

**Diane Moss Memorial Award**.....Mr. Dave Moss

Diane Moss lost her battle with cancer in May, 2007. Her family, friends and husband David established this memorial scholarship. Applications are available for seniors with a g.p.a. of 2.5 or better and who have participated in Middle or High School track or cross country at St. Johns Public Schools.

**Peace Maker Award**.....Melissa Osborne/Becky Schwarz

**Leslie Wesner Memorial** .....Mr. Jason Gnegy

Leslie Wesner was a math teacher for many years. He graduated from Rodney B. Wilson High School in 1933. After graduating from CMU, he taught at Laingsburg High School for twenty years. In 1964, he came back to RBW High School to teach math. He retired from St. Johns High School in 1977. When Leslie died, his family established a scholarship in his name for \$1000.00. The recipient is to be a good academic student who displays good citizenship, is highly involved in extra-curricular and community activities and demonstrates interest and achievement in mathematics.

**Jean M. Harte Memorial Scholarship** ..... Mr. Mark Palmer

Jean Harte lived her entire life in the St. Johns area. She and her husband, Neil, raised six children on their family farm. All six children graduated from Michigan State University. Jean's family has established this memorial scholarship for a student of high character and financial need who will attend Michigan State University.

**Juanita O'Leary Restaurant Management/Hospitality Scholarship**

.....Mrs. Denise Stark

**Rodney B. Wilson Scholarship**.....Mr. Matt Olsen

**Robert & Bonnie LaBrie Scholarship** ..... Mr. Mark Palmer

The Robert & Bonnie LaBrie Scholarship was established by their children and grandchildren in 2006, as a tribute to their many years as dedicated teachers. Robert was a teacher at St. Johns High School for 29 of his 35 years as an educator. He taught Spanish and French and was passionate about teaching and his ability to relate to students. Bonnie was a co-founder of the Jack and Jill Nursery School, which was the first pre-school established in St. Johns. This scholarship is need based and awarded to a senior who is in good academic standing and pursuing a degree in education.

**Stuart Openlander Kiwanis Scholarship**..... Mr. Greg Teichman

The Dr. Stuart Openlander Scholarships Two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 are given annually by the St. Johns Kiwanis Club in honor of Dr. Stuart Openlander, a charter member and outstanding educator. The Kiwanis Club seeks to award these scholarships to students who have overcome obstacles or challenges to succeed academically and serve their community.

### Kiwanis Club of St. Johns – Student of the Month

#### STUDENT ACTIVITIES AWARDS

**Robert L. Koger Theatre Student Award** ..... Ms. Jaclyn Tkaczyk

**Marines: Distinguished Athlete & Scholastic Excellence Awards**

.....Mr. Chris Ervin

**Army Reserves: Scholar Athlete** .....Sgt. Herrera

**Detroit Free Press Scholar Athlete** .....Mr. Chris Ervin

**Earl R. Lancaster Award** .....Mr. Chris Ervin

Earl R. Lancaster was a former School Superintendent, and avid supporter of the St. Johns Athletic program. He has established an award for a senior student who possesses both outstanding citizenship, scholarship, and who has made unselfish and superior contributions to the athletic program.

**St. Johns Youth Athletic Volunteer Award**.....Mr. Ryan Cressman

**St. Johns Athletic Boosters Scholarships**.....Mr. Chris Ervin

**MHSAA Farm Bureau Scholar Athlete Award** .....Mr. Chris Ervin

**CAAC Senior Scholar Athletes**.....Mr. Chris Ervin

**James McCarthy Memorial Scholarship**.....Mr. Chris Ervin

**Outstanding Senior Athletes**.....Mr. Chris Ervin

**MISCA Diver of the Year**.....Mr. Chris Ervin

**Wrestling Awards**.....Mr. Chris Ervin

**A.P. Scholar Award**– Mr. Mark Palmer

**College/University Scholarships**– Mr. Mark Palmer

**Senior Scholars**– Mr. Mark Palmer