

# SJS Alumni News

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## St. Joseph School

### ELIZABETH SEWARD'S MODEL BEHAVIOR



Elizabeth, age 9

Photo courtesy of Seward family

*SJS Alum and Teen Model Selected as one of "The New Beautiful" by Cosmopolitan magazine*

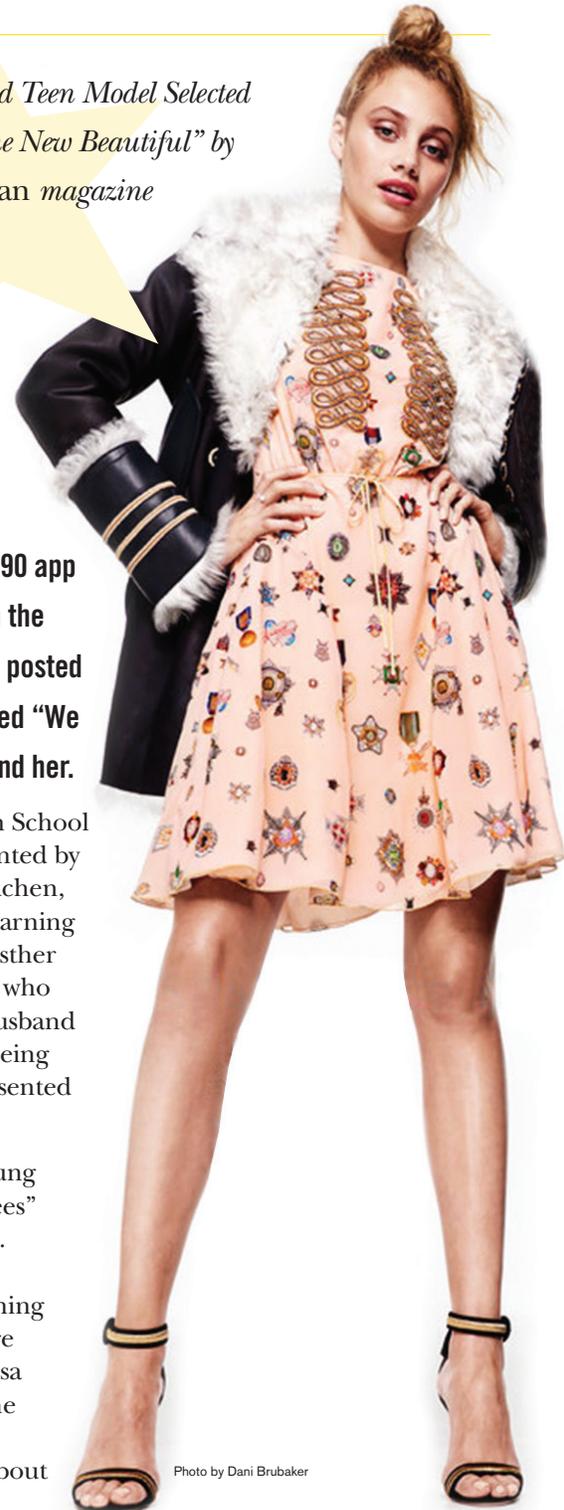


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**Y**ears before the *Cosmopolitan* photo shoots and being part of a Go90 app video series, SJS alumnae Elizabeth Seward had a fascination with the fashion industry but wasn't sure which aspect to pursue. Then she posted her photo on the Instagram page of the IMG modeling agency called "We Love Your Genes," and it seems that the fashion world quickly found her.

Known by her childhood nickname of Cho, the 17-year-old who attended St. Joseph School through 2011 is now immersed in the elite world of high-fashion modeling represented by the agency that represents such super stars as Karlie Kloss, Kate Moss, Gisele Buendchen, and numerous Victoria Secret models. "Cho has always dreamed of traveling and learning from the best fashion designers and stylists in the industry," says her mother, Mrs. Esther Seward, who was skeptical at first when she was contacted by the head scout at IMG who wanted to meet with Esther and her husband, Darren, about their daughter. "My husband and I researched the company, its founders, and even the model scouts before agreeing to visit their NYC office. Not only was it legitimate," she says, "but we saw they represented some of the top models in the world."

Recruited in July 2015 to start in the development program at IMG for new and young models, Elizabeth has since worked in numerous photo shoots, castings, and "Go-sees" (a model's version of an audition) at *Teen Vogue*, *Cosmopolitan*, and other companies. In the September 2016 issue of *Cosmopolitan* magazine, she was featured in a photo shoot for an editorial called "The New Beautiful" with the headline, "Meet 12 Stunning Models You're About to Be Obsessed With." Described as one of the models who are "redefining the pretty game," Elizabeth shares dressing advice and credits model Elsa Hosk as being her style icon. With three stories about her posted as of July 2017, she also participates in a Go90 app video series that follows the journey of developing models called "We Love your Genes" created by IMG. In one vignette, which lasts about

# News & Notes

- **Grad Named Knott Scholar – SJS graduate Olivia Wayson '17**

was awarded a Knott Secondary Scholarship to attend Notre Dame Preparatory School.



The funds for this four-year, full-tuition scholarship, valued at approximately \$80,000, come from the Marion I. and Henry J. Knott Scholarship Fund.

- **Class of 2013 Celebrate Milestone Year**

– At the Calvert Hall senior prom in May, seven SJS alumni enjoy a group photo.

From left to right: **Brendan Murphy, Brendan Fritz, Lucy Marshall, Grace Haus, Lindsay Falvey, Andrew Fick, and Michael Brown**



- **Lombardi Aces Tennis Honors –**

**Ryan Lombardi '15**, a student at Calvert Hall, was named a member of the 2017 All-MIAA Tennis Teams for the A Conference in June.

- **Class of 2014 Receive Junior Class Rings –**

Calvert Hall high school students and SJS alumni (from left to right)

**Danny Harris, J. P. Smith, and Tim Kronenberger** proudly show off their new class rings.



- **A Legacy for Education** – The parents of SJS alum **Martin Moran**, who died in 2016 from cancer, have let us know about a scholarship in their son's name. The Martin J. Moran Scholarship at San Miguel School assists middle school boys from low-income or at-risk backgrounds. A graduate of SJS, Loyola Blakefield, and Johns Hopkins, Mr. Moran was grateful for his education and was a benefactor of San Miguel School. **For more information, please visit [sanmiguel.networkforgood.com](http://sanmiguel.networkforgood.com).**

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**Bernard and Beverly Meinschein, Jacqueline Merryman, William and Ann Bennett, Gerard and Maria Lynch, Barbara Sutton, Steven Stofberg, Robert and Kara Ihle**

- **Johns Hopkins Blue Jays Feather Nest –**

**Brent Peterson '13**, the first baseman for the 2017 Loyola Blakefield baseball team that won the MIAA championship, will attend Johns Hopkins University and play baseball for the Blue Jays. A member of the National Honor Society, he also received a number of awards including the Maryland State Scholastic Award for being in the top 5% of his graduating class.

- **Paying it Forward** – **Jenny Staab '08** has completed her Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) from Notre Dame of Maryland University. She will be a 4th grade teacher in the Harford County Public School System beginning this fall. She also will be coaching the varsity volleyball team at her high school alma mater, the Institute of Notre Dame.

## Inaugural Year of National Junior Honor Society Sets High Bar

One of the nation's oldest and most prestigious organizations for middle school students, the National Junior Honor Society, welcomed eight SJS students in February in the school's first induction ceremony as a new chapter. "Members are selected by the chapter's faculty for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship," says Ms. Sarah Kelly, the school NJHS co-adviser with Mrs. Beth Solak. "They also are expected to continue their exemplary contributions to the school and community."

In its inaugural year, the SJS chapter engaged in a series of high level services and collections, including work for the Gabriel Network, Our Daily Bread, St. Joseph School, and St. Joseph Parish. Members also participated in Leadership Days at area Catholic high schools. The new NJHS members consisted of three 8th grade students and five in 7th grade. With the application process beginning for its second year in September, the NJHS advisers anticipate a growth in membership. A program of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, NJHS chapters are represented in more than 7,500 middle schools, and since 1929, millions of students have been selected for membership.



At the induction ceremony in February, Ms. Sarah Kelly, adviser for the National Junior Honor Society, leads the new members in their pledge.

## Alumni Support Fuels Growth from Wide Area

**W**ith a marked increase in enrollment that shows students coming from many different school districts, one steady source of these referrals is no mystery to St. Joseph School administration. “Alumni are such a strong proponent of the school,” says Mrs. Maggie Dates, now beginning her third year as SJS Principal. “We really want to express our appreciation for continuing to share their enthusiasm about the school. They may not even realize the weight of their words. But so many times during the year we meet new families who tell us they came because of a recommendation from someone who is part of our community.”



The member of the St. Joseph community may be former parents, students, faculty, parishioners from St. Joseph parish or relatively unknown. Mrs. Dates recalls a family coming in for a school tour that told her about meeting an advocate for SJS as they waited for a doctor’s appointment. Many current parents, who also are alumni, have first-hand insight into the many positive changes that take place each year. For the many others who have walked the SJS hallways over the years, thank you for keeping your connection to SJS alive and current! **Please help us honor your legacy by sharing stories and updates with us through this publication by email at [info@sjpmd.org](mailto:info@sjpmd.org) or via the school website ([school.sjpmd.org/alumni](http://school.sjpmd.org/alumni)). Thank you!**

### Elizabeth Seward’s Model Behavior — cont. from page 1



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Photo by Nick Suarez

a minute, Elizabeth plays the piano and the ukulele and talks about her love of music especially for the way it relaxes her on her busier days.

Elizabeth spent some time this summer working in New York City to learn about the business along with other developing models. “I spent a week and had the opportunity to meet with people at magazines like *Harper’s Bazaar*, *Allure*, and *Glamour*,” she says. “I also met and worked with a lot of great photographers and stylists. It’s a very fast-paced industry, the week I spent just touched the surface of what I could be doing full time in the future. I’m very lucky and blessed to have a great manager at IMG and the support of my family.” The youngest of three, Elizabeth followed in the footsteps of her sister Alexandra (now a junior at Johns Hopkins University) and her brother, Darren, (a rising sophomore at University of San Diego) in attending St. Joseph School. After SJS, Elizabeth attended Notre Dame Preparatory, where she is embarking on her senior year. Having spent 12 years learning in the Catholic school system, Elizabeth says, “I have so many great memories from my days at SJS with a lot of my friends that are still my closest friends today. St. Joseph School gave me a great foundation that prepared me for NDP.”

**For more about Elizabeth Seward, you can follow her on Instagram @cho.seward and or visit this link at IMG Models, <http://www.imgmodels.com/model/new-york/development/17308>.**

# By the Numbers

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**20%** Growth in enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year



**23**

The number of new security cameras installed around the school campus in July 2017



“Baby Boomer” Students Recorded in 1964 and stands as the highest school enrollment in the history of SJS

**ONE**

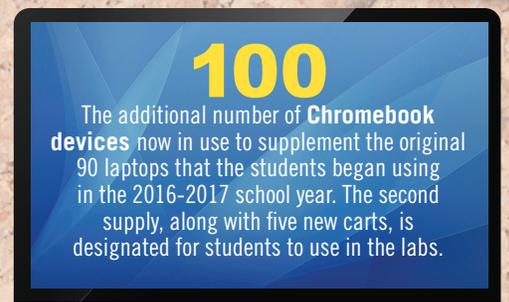
St. Joseph School Tram Stop at the Maryland Baltimore Zoo



**\$409,000**  
The amount of grants and scholarships offered to the Class of 2017 for high school.



**270** The number of pairs of pajamas collected for Casey Cares Foundation’s “Kami’s Jammies” program, which assists critically ill children, by the SJS Student Council.



**100**

The additional number of Chromebook devices now in use to supplement the original 90 laptops that the students began using in the 2016-2017 school year. The second supply, along with five new carts, is designated for students to use in the labs.



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## The Evolution of the SJS Yearbook

In 1970 the graduating class of SJS knew what it liked: The Rolling Stones, lacrosse, Ocean City, Johnny Cash, and Brooks Robinson. Dislikes? Hippies, cigarettes, and uniforms. In the category of "some things never change," the Loyola vs. Calvert Hall rivalry reigned as many male graduates listed one of these two high schools as their "dislike" if they were attending the other. The basketball and baseball teams had cheerleaders, and Sister Doris' window was remembered as what "boys used to escape reality." The yearbook, a 22-page booklet, owed its creation to a parent who had typed, copied, and stapled the pages.

Over the years the SJS yearbook has changed with the times. In June the Class of 2017 and other SJS students received their full-color 64-page yearbooks, created by the Yearbook Club using a digital cloud-based software program – that one day will no doubt seem archaic. The SJS archives contain about 47 years' of yearbooks, each is its own time capsule of private jokes, graduates' hopes and dreams, and school memories.

French braids, corduroys, and wearing sweaters inside out made a "What's Hot" list in 1997. The Class of 1990 marked its graduation on the same year as the inaugural SJS kindergarten class; they

also had a "Wants to Be vs. Most Likely to Be" section that awarded one classmate with aspirations of being a doctor the "most likely to become a Dunkin' Donuts owner" honor. (Considering that in 2017 "America Runs on Dunkin'" that possibly was sage advice.) In the same vein, Kathy Blair Smith '87, SJS enrollment manager, was cleaning out old school office files one day and came across her yearbook. She had "wanted to be a designer" but had been dubbed "most likely to become a cleaning lady," a designation she jokes she found startlingly apropos.

Some things stay funny through the generations. Slapstick humor involving stapling fingers, pens exploding in someone's mouth, and standing up when everyone else stays seated at Mass never gets old. Field trips to the Lyric, Hershey Park, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, and to Washington, D.C. also ranked as favorites. In the 1979 yearbook, an aspiring poet named Donna Gerber, remembered SJS in a way that rings true today:

*It's time to go now and I'd like to say  
St. Joseph's you've been great to me  
And you've brought me a long, long way.*

