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St. John the Baptist DHS Senior Joe Lanciotti Takes First Place in the Catholic State Wrestling Championships

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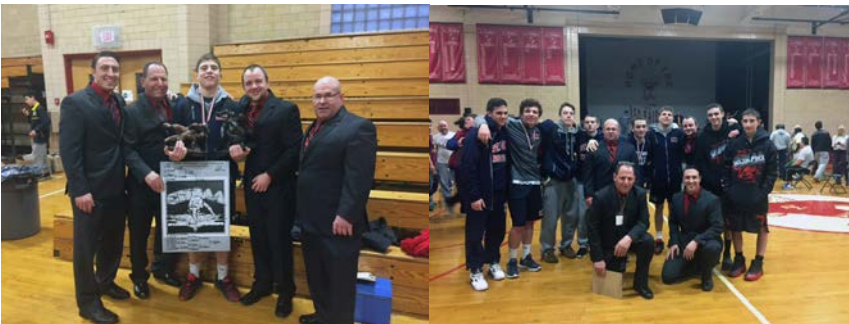
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West Islip, NY---- On February 12th, in his final wrestling tournament as a high school student, St. John the Baptist Senior Joe Lanciotti of Smithtown won first place at the NY Catholic High School Wrestling Championships, in Buffalo. Joe competed in the 138lb division. In addition to his state title, Lanciotti took home two other top awards at the competition.

Lanciotti was selected by all of the coaches present as the Most Outstanding Wrestler in the State. He also received the Iron Man Award for placing in the top ten in New York State in each of his four years of competition.

Overall, the SJB team had a very successful weekend at the state tournament. Francis Finn of West Islip placed third in his division, Joseph Vacca Jr. of Amity Harbor finished fifth in his division, while Bryan Kuprian of East Northport and Alex Greco of Fort Salonga finished sixth in their divisions, respectively.

St. John the Baptist's Boys Athletic Director, Mr. Ralph Dalton, stated "Although our team is small we have made a big impact in the Catholic League and Catholic States. Congratulations to all of our wrestlers for an outstanding season, especially Joseph Vacca, Jr. NSCHSAA League Champion (113lbs) and Joseph Lanciotti, CHSAA State Champion (138lbs)."





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