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## *Press Release*

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### **Popular Trumpet Player Welcomed at St. John the Baptist D.H.S. *Jazz Band Jams with Top Musician!***

**WEST ISLIP, NY** – On January 11<sup>th</sup> the St. John the Baptist D.H.S. Jazz Band had the pleasure of playing with Jazz Musician, Glenn Drewes. Glenn Drewes is one of the most in-demand trumpet players on the New York City freelance scene today. Mr. Drewes is a native of West Babylon and currently resides in Glen Cove.

Mr. Drewes gave a master class in the jazz class of Mr. Chris Donohue, Performing Arts Faculty Member. Mr. Donohue has known Mr. Drewes professionally for over 12 years, having worked together doing clinics and workshops at Nassau Community College, Adelphi, and SUNY Purchase for their Jazz Programs. They have also have done workshops together at High Schools around Long Island, promoting Jazz Education in schools.

Mr. Donohue was excited that, “the students ate up every minute of the time we spent together. They could see how much Mr. Drewes loves music, and particularly how much he loves Jazz. When he started to list some of the people he played with including Buddy Rich, you should’ve seen how wide eyed these kids got. It is impressive when you meet someone who was a major part of the legacy that those famous musicians have left behind for us to admire.”

The diverse career of Glenn Drewes has spanned the likes of jazz greats Woody Herman, Buddy Rich, Dizzy Gillespie and Mel Lewis, to today's pop artists, Michael Jackson, Madonna, Harry Connick, Jr., David Sanborn and P Diddy. In addition to being heard on hundreds of jingles, feature films, network award shows and sports themes, Mr. Drewes can be heard every day on the popular children's educational show, *Sesame Street*.

Currently, Glenn is currently leading his own jazz quintet, serving as a clinician for high school and college festivals as well as holding the coveted jazz trumpet chair for the Birdland Big Band.



**Photo:**

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### **About St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School**

*About St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School: 1,700 students attend St. John the Baptist DHS, a college preparatory Catholic High School located on the south shore in West Islip. As part of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, St. John's offers a value-centered education that recognizes the unique talents and abilities of each child, while fostering a school environment that challenges students to reach their true potential. Open since 1966, St. John's offers a rigorous curriculum and extensive activity and athletic programs. Students have the opportunity to take numerous Advanced Placement classes and 99% of St. John's graduates continue on to higher education. For Mission Statement and additional information: [www.sjbdhs.org](http://www.sjbdhs.org)*