

# St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

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### ***Spring Musical Thrills Audiences at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School***

WEST ISLIP, NY – Students at St. John the Baptist entertained and thrilled the crowds with their production of *Bye Bye Birdie* over the weekend of March 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. More than 50 students and alumni from St. John the Baptist participated in *Bye Bye Birdie*, including the performers and the stage crew members. This musical was masterfully performed by the students who sang and danced with passion and heart. The stage crew & lighting did a fantastic job setting the stage for this production providing a real "Broadway Feel".

Walter D. Lace, Principal, feels that, "school plays are a vital part of any school because they give students the opportunity to shine, develop their talents, and work together to perform on stage."

*Birdie* takes place during the early years of rock and roll. Conrad Birdie (Mike Franco) is drafted into the army and is going to Sweetapple, Ohio to bestow upon one lucky fan, Kim MacAfee (Danielle Donnelly) "One Last Kiss". This causes problems with her steady Hugo Peabody (Michael Clinton) as well as her parents Mr. and Mrs. MacAfee (Robert Fischetti and Emily Holub). Meanwhile Conrad's manager, Albert Peterson (Dante Baldassin) is walking a fine line between pleasing his assistant/girlfriend Rosie Alvarez (Chantel Martin) and his meddling mother, Mrs. Peterson (Allison O'Donnell). In between there was a whole lot of singing and dancing that the audience thoroughly enjoyed.

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)



ATTACHED PHOTO: Conrad Birdie (Mike Franco '11 of East Islip) and fans