

Patrick Brennan, SRS Class of 1999, has come back to his roots. The father of three – Declan (age 5 who is currently in the Preschool and plans to attend St. Rose School Kindergarten), Brian and Aurora – says “I enjoyed my St. Rose School experience so much that I want to give my children the same opportunity. Although the school has grown in size since my time here, it is still a tight community in which I know my children will thrive.” He and his wife Amanda are active school parents because they believe that service is an important part of life and, according to Patrick, “some of the best people you meet are found when helping others.”

Having received a strong academic education at St. Rose School from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Patrick credits the advanced English and Math classes he took as being instrumental in facilitating his transition to Fairfield Prep and after that Fairfield University. He received a degree in Finance and is currently a Senior Financial Analyst with Interactive Brokers in Greenwich, CT.

Patrick, whose siblings also attended St. Rose School, has vivid memories of the end of year school Field days which, to a young kid, “were like the Olympics.”

When asked what advice he would give to current St. Rose School students Patrick said “At St. Rose, high school and beyond, take advantage of the services and opportunities available to you. Be more than just a student in the classroom.”

As we like to say at St. Rose School, “Once a RAM always a RAM!” It is such a joy to have former students come back to our halls as parents so that their children can experience the academically strong and faith filled learning journey offered at St. Rose School. Welcome Patrick, Amanda, Declan, Brian and Aurora.