



**Our Spotlight of this week is one of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, John Paul Frazier, who was just recognized as MVP of the 2018 Great Eastern New Hampshire League! Check out our interview with JP [here](#).**

**Congratulations on your MVP award for the season! What did you think when you heard you were recognized?**

Our basketball team made it to the championship and I was really focused on that game-- I really wanted to win the championship—then when the game was over, they called me out for the award and I was surprised.

**How old were you when you started playing basketball?**

Very young—ever since I could walk I think. I have always loved basketball and my dad encouraged me as well.

**How was the Saint Patrick Academy Boys Basketball season?**

Probably the best season we have ever had. Yeah, it was definitely the best. 😊

**What are some of your favorite parts of playing basketball for SPA?**

Everything—there's a lot of kids who play all the time and some kids that aren't into basketball but who play for fun and they turn out to be great basketball players—it's fun.

**What do you appreciate about Coach Broom?**

Coach Broom pushed us through the whole season. At our very first practice he set a goal for us-- "you guys want to play in the championship against Wakefield, so you have to work to get there." He knows how to push everyone at every practice.

**Do you play on any other teams outside of SPA?**

I do some tournaments with York and a program with Integrity Hoops which is a great program.

**How old were you when you started at Saint Pat's?**

Kindergarten which was also my mom's first year of teaching here in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

**You are in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, do you know where you are going yet for high school?**

I haven't decided yet—either St. Thomas or York High School

**What do you think are some things you will miss about Saint Pat's?**

Definitely the sports programs here. Mr. Bean, our Athletic Director is really awesome and has improved our sports program so much. He really makes a full schedule of games and practices and he is the one who got us into the GENH League which we are now in. Mr. Bean organizes the sports banquets and does a lot of extra stuff as well.

I also will really miss all the teachers, especially those who have been here for such a long time like Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Dwyer, and Mr. Maskwa.

**What do you like to do for fun aside from basketball?**

I like hanging out with friends and going to Celtics basketball games. Actually I'm going on Sunday when they retire Paul Pierce's number.