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JENKINTOWN, Pa – January 14, 2020 – Over the winter break, Saint Basil Academy's Track and Field team traveled to New York to compete in the Marine Classics and Hispanic Games. In addition to the six first-place wins, students on the team achieved personal bests and broke two school records.

Alina Laforest, Sophomore, won the 600 meters and ran a time of 1 minute, 35 seconds, and 31 tenths, which currently places her as number one in the State and fifth in the country. This time also breaks the SBA Indoor School record.

Simone Kelly, Freshman, won the Freshmen 55 meters and ran 7.43, which beat the school record. Simone also won the Freshmen 400 meters and finished with a time of 1:01.7.

Taylor Forbes, Freshman, wins the Freshman Long Jump and Triple Jump. Taylor jumped 36-0.75 feet, which qualifies her to compete in the PIAA Indoor State meet. Taylor long jumped 15-1.50.

Tia Taylor, Junior, jumped 38'08 to win the Varsity Triple Jump. That jump placed her first in the State and a qualifier for the PIAA State Indoor Championships. Tia also won the Long Jump with a leap of 17-10.25, another state qualifier.

The Freshman/Sophomore 1600 meter Sprint Medley placed fourth with a time of 4:45.68. Runners: Taylor Forbes, Bernadette Stanton, Samantha Sonnie, Cate Quinn. The Varsity 1600 meter Sprint Medley is number one in the state and they ran 4:17.67. Runners: Simone Kelly, Tia Taylor, Taylor Thomas, Alina LaForest.

At the Hispanic Games, the 4 x 200 Relay set a new school record of 1:44.49, which is currently the second fastest in the State. The 4 x 400 Relay placed third overall, beating our time of 4:03.27 and set a new school record.

ABOUT SAINT BASIL ACADEMY:

Saint Basil Academy is a college preparatory high school for young women rooted in the mission of building the minds of leaders through service and compassion. Through academic excellence, the Academy educates the whole person by integrating faith and life. For more information visit <https://www.stbasilacademy.org/>

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