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## **Salesian High School Teacher Edmund Donovan Selected as Grand Marshall of the 10th Annual Throggs Neck St. Patrick's Day Parade**

*Salesian High School Marching Band to lead their teacher down Tremont Ave. in their Bronx debut after a 37-year hiatus*

**New Rochelle, N.Y., Wednesday, March 05, 2008**— Salesian High School veteran teacher Edmund Donovan has been selected as Grand Marshall for this year's annual Throggs Neck St. Patrick's Day Parade, it was announced.

Mr. Donovan, a life-long Bronx resident, is a first generation Irishman who traces his ancestry to Skibereen, County Cork, Ireland - the birthplace of his parents. A graduate of St. Benedict's Grammar School, All Hallows High School and St. John's University, Mr. Donovan received a Masters Degree from Iona College in 1973. For the past thirty-four years, he has been on the faculty of Salesian High School in New Rochelle, teaching all levels of science and has served as advisor to many clubs and as assistant hockey coach.

The parade sponsors, The Throggs Neck Benevolent Association, selected Mr. Donovan for his dedication to the community and commitment to education. Presently, he is the Commanding Officer of the 45 Auxiliary Police Unit serving with the rank of Captain. He is also active in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary involved with search and rescue activities on nearby Long Island Sound. He teaches boating and safety courses as a

member of the U.S. Power Squadrons. He was also a founding member of the Throggs Neck Volunteer Ambulance Corps where he served as EMT and Crew Chief. He retired from the N.Y. Guard with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel as a member of the historic 14 Brigade. He is also a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knight of Columbus and Past Grand Knight of the St. Benedict's Council.

The parade will kick off at 12 noon on Sunday, March 16, 2008 and the reviewing stand will be located on E. Tremont at Harding Avenue. Leading Grand Marshall Edmund Donovan, in their Bronx debut after a 37-year hiatus, will be the award-winning 77-member Salesian High School Marching Band.

Salesian is a Catholic High School for boys serving students from Westchester County and the Northeast Bronx. Founded in 1920 by the Salesians of St. John Bosco - a Catholic order of brothers and priests - the school is uniquely characterized by its personalized attention and supportive environment. At its core, Salesian is a **Home** that welcomes; a **School** that prepares for life; a **Parish** where Christian values shape character; and a **Playground** where lasting friendships are formed.