

BIOGRAPHY-James McKeon, Principal, Saint Anselm Catholic Academy

James McKeon was born in Sunset Park, Brooklyn and baptized at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church. Mr. McKeon graduated from Catholic elementary, high school and college. Upon graduation from college, Mr. McKeon worked on Wall Street as an Equity Trader before volunteering for military service. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps and served in the Washington DC area, the Far East (Okinawa, Japan, South Korea and the Philippines) and southern California. After completed his mandatory active duty requirement, Mr. McKeon returned to his career on Wall Street for 22 years and also served in the Marine Corps Reserve and deployed to Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm. In 2000, Mr. McKeon began teaching with the New York City Department of Education as a Middle School Science teacher and then moved on to complete the NYC Leadership Academy and served 4 years as an Assistant Principal followed by 4 years as a Tenured Principal in a Pre-K to 8th grade school in Howard Beach, Queens. During 2004-2005, Mr. McKeon volunteered for service in Baghdad, Iraq where he was awarded a Bronze Star medal for his service. Upon his release from active duty, Mr. McKeon retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He holds a B.A. in Environmental Science from Marist College, a M.S. in Science Educational from CUNY/Lehman College and his New York State Supervisory Certificate from CUNY/Baruch College. Mr. McKeon has been active in his home Parish, Saint Francis de Sales (SFDS), for over 30 years having served as CYO basketball and soccer coaches, developmental basketball director, Youth Minister and the SFDS CYO Director for 18 years and is currently a Eucharistic Minister. Mr. McKeon and his wife Jean, a NYCDOE Deputy Superintendent, are the parents of three boys. Mr. McKeon assumed duties as the first Principal of Saint Anselm Catholic Academy on August 15, 2013.

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