

# Saint Andrew School

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## ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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### From the Pastor

*"I am youth . . . I am joy . . . I am freedom!"*

Dear Alumni/ae and Friends of Saint Andrew School,

So said Peter Pan to Captain Hook as imagined by James M. Barrie in the fifteenth chapter of his book: *The Adventures of Peter Pan*. "Pan, who and what art thou?" he (Captain Hook) cried huskily. "I'm youth, I'm joy," Peter answered at a venture, "I'm a little bird that has broken out of the egg." (<http://barrie.thefree library.com/The-Adventures-of-Peter-Pan>) In film and on stage the imagery of the bird breaking out of its egg was simplified to "freedom." **Captain Hook:** [*pausing a bit, out of breath, during the duel with Peter*] "'Tisn't fair! I say it as though it were my last breath - it isn't fair! Pan, who and what art thou?" **Peter Pan:** "I am youth. I am joy. I am freedom!"

In Art Linkletter's book "Kid's Say the Darndest Things!" (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1957), he writes: "Whenever I think about wonderful kids, I remember the wonderful one word answer to one of my questions that may reflect the insecurity of a world where the kids hear about atom bombs, hydrogen bombs and intercontinental guided missiles. I asked the little boy what he wanted to be when he grew up. He thought a long moment and then said: 'Alive.'" (pp. 158-9)

A far more dark and disturbing reflection is found in the second paragraph of Frank McCourt's once popular memoir, *Angela's Ashes* (London: Flamingo/HarperCollins, 1997), where he writes: "When I look back on my childhood I wonder how I managed to survive at all. It was, of course, a miserable childhood: the happy childhood is hardly worth your while. Worse than the ordinary miserable childhood is the miserable Irish childhood and worse yet is the miserable Irish Catholic childhood." (p. 1)

The uncontrived honesty of children and the clarity of our own childhood memories reveal the depth and breadth that the experience of those years have on the formation of our conscience and development of the adult persons we are today. When we consider the profound effect people have had on us (for good and for bad); the exuberance and the burdens that influenced our youth and how certain moments surface as key and

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formative; it is difficult to be cavalier with regard to our children as the persons and caretakers of the environment which will form their lives. While McCourt's cynicism is rooted in real evil and difficult situations that overwhelmed his younger years, the concern of the little boy wanting to be "alive" when he grew up demonstrates that while children may not understand the science, technology or politics of their milieu, they certainly comprehend the security and danger that are ever-present realities for them. When we fail to remember how deeply moved and impacted we were by certain people and events, we possibly could dismiss as insignificant some major formational moment that will deeply influence their lives and memories. Inevitably, some of you may disagree with the premise of this reflection, however, even if my conjecture is only partially correct, we must ask ourselves how we can be better formators of our children—of the next generation.

Whether we want to admit it or not, the popularity of so-called "reality television" shows are influencing and forming a new definition of reality, especially for those too young to have anything with which to compare it. A sort of voyeurism seems to have invaded our culture in that we have an insatiable appetite to watch others behave in over-the-top self-centered ways which are often self destructive and hurtful to the others and showing no evidence of a well-formed conscience. Shows like "Jerry Springer," "Bridezillas," and "The Real World," to name a few implicitly, if not explicitly, project an image that the reality of these few people (which is often sensationalized), in fact, is what the majority of people experience in life. While these shows continue to generate millions of dollars, they promote political and social agendas. (cf. "Reality Television," in Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia.) Today, people like Lady Gaga, Mike "the Situation" Sorrentino, and even Charlie Sheen become role models; because they project an air of successful confidence in doing whatever they feel like doing, saying whatever they feel like saying, hurting and degrading whomever and whatever they feel like belittling, because it is something they want to do and something to which they believe they are entitled. Such behaviors say to our young people that they need not develop their minds, their souls, their bodies; they need not strive for genuine education. In our pop culture, hard work and serious attempts to elevate one's station often goes unrewarded; this is a source of great discouragement for our young people.

The children's story *Pinocchio* provides a fascinating and profound reflection on human development. As you may recall, Pinocchio was a puppet carved from wood to look like a boy; in biblical language, he was created from the substance of the earth and formed in the image and likeness of his maker, Geppetto. Through the mysterious intervention of the graceful Blue Fairy, he is brought to life. While remaining a wooden puppet and not fully human, he is given the opportunity to live his life as a boy. Despite the love of Geppetto, he is negatively influenced by the fox and cat (e.g. not honestly working to make a living and avoiding the chance to obtain an education), and the less and less human he becomes. In other words, his bad choices disfigure the image and likeness in which he was created, so much so that he is made to look like a stubborn mule.

In the course of becoming human, however, Pinocchio learns many lessons. He learns of his own helplessness when he sets his (wooden) finger ablaze while playing with fire, a power beyond his capacity. He learns about kindness, generosity and unselfishness from Geppetto. He learns about duplicity, manipulation and exploitation from the fox and cat. He learns the power of lying, its temporary fix to problems and its lasting consequence and pain. He learns the many forms of love, especially Geppetto's receiving him home even after his betrayal; and he learns the depths of grief through the loss of that love. Finally in the selfless gift of self, that radical act of self-transcending love (willing to lose all to save the beloved)—the most human of all acts as defined by our Lord—he becomes truly human, like his maker. A fairy tale for sure, but one filled with the deep meaning of life and love.

This is the reality in which we strive to form our children at Saint Andrew School. These are the values to which we all need to recommit ourselves if we are serious about forming the next generation and providing them the tools to build a true culture of life and a genuine civilization of love. This is a dream, it is a dream formed in the mind of God and perpetuated by His patience with us and hope in us. Let us recommit ourselves to truly educate our children in virtue, to discourage self-centeredness, to promote respect and discourage violence of all kinds. This is the task of love before us. And, despite the threats and difficulties around them, may they be ever encouraged by our support, our love and our willingness to allow them to experience youth, joy and freedom. For our students, let us together strive to achieve this successfully.

Msgr. Albin J. Grous, Pastor



## From the Principal

She sends me back in time—the little one in kindergarten who knows she should be quietly following those ahead of her in line. But, she needs to say just a word or two to me. With a glance at the teacher, she steps my way and with the sweetest voice says, “I’ll see you at lunch.” My heart melts. I know in these first weeks of school, the teachers are trying in earnest to keep the classes moving in the same direction. I know we, the little one and I, have broken the rules. We are conversing. She is talking, and I am listening, *and* whispering back. It is not only her warmth that engages me, the principal from whom others would shy away; but, it is her tiny face that causes me to marvel. She looks so much like her mother, a former student of mine. The rules are broken again as we walk by the church. She needs to tell me that this is *her* church. This time I refrain from engaging in conversation. But that does not diminish her joy. “That’s my church!” she exclaims again as she bounces and points to our beautiful Saint Andrew the Apostle Church.



Her mother and I had the opportunity to catch up at a recent New Parent Tailgate Party hosted by the Home and School Association. It was then that I learned that this child, who so quickly caught my eye and tugged at my heart, is truly a miracle; one to whom mother and father attribute to the intercession of Blessed James Salomone, the patron of cancer patients. She and her younger sister were born while their young mother was battling cervical cancer. As a tribute to their intercessor, both daughters have James as a middle name. Needless to say, I was moved by the family’s story. So much courage and strength had been given to them! One would never know by appearances of the arduous journey they had shared.

There are times when I’m asked to clarify the reason Saint Andrew School exists. With the permission of my former student and her husband, I share the above story, because it has much to do with our *raison d’être* - our reason for being. The primary purpose of Saint Andrew School is to build a culture of Life and a civilization of Love through faith and knowledge. In other words, it is to assist our families in bringing their children to know and love God; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We do this so that when our students leave these doors, they know that no matter what life brings, there is someone who cares for them. He cares so much that He sent his only Son to tell us we are loved, and to show us the way to live in love. He cares so much that he hung on a cross and died for us, so that we may know eternal life. He cares so much that he brings forth His Spirit to guide us in the living of His way and truth. And on occasion, He allows someone like me to see the full circle! How can we not share this good news with our children?

Perhaps you too know in your heart the reason Saint Andrew School exists. If so, please help us. Help us raise our children so that they come to know they really are among the Communion of Saints; that there are others who will intercede for them. Help them to know that they are never alone; that there is someone there to pray with them and for them. Help us share what we know with those who are now at Saint Andrew School. And may God be praised in all we do!

*Helen McLean*

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## Class Notes

*"It is the bonds that develop over the elementary school years that link alumni for life."*

**1948**

**Rev. Robert F. Crawford, M.M.** - Still in Taiwan; 50 years a priest; come visit!

Congratulations to Father Crawford in celebrating his 50th Jubilee as a Maryknoll priest.

*Taiwan, R.O.C*



*Father Crawford celebrating Mass at the Class of 1948 60th Reunion*

**1949**

**Mary Catherine Bruder** - I remember well my first grade days at Saint Andrew at the little school house with the fire escape across the street from the church. It is no longer there. And Sister Dorothy Marie and the prizes she would hand out for coming in first, second and third.

*Bryn Mawr, PA*

**Michael Rodgers** - After school detention was spent in the convent cellar while the nuns did their laundry. Attend great class re-unions! Still great friends and memories after 60+ years since graduating from SAS.

*Berwyn, PA*

**1950**

**Christine Campbell Brown Whelehan** - It was with mixed emotion that I spotted my brother, Mark Campbell, name and photo with the Class of 1956. I was happy to see my little brother's photo, but sad to have to report that Mark died in a 1994 plane crash in New Mexico. He was a geophysicist doing oil exploration from the air along with the pilot. The plane went missing and was discovered several days later with 2 bodies inside. I am sending a gift to the SAS Annual Appeal in his memory.

Thanks for the wonderful job you are doing with the newsletter. I look forward to reading each issue from cover to cover.  
*Bowie, MD*

**1957**

**Carolyn Ludwig Miller** - Graduated Immaculata University in 1965, MSW in 1995 from Temple University. Work as Clinical Social Worker. married for 38 years - 3 children, 1 grandson and expecting granddaughter in October 2011.

*Doylestown, PA*

**1958**

**Joe Sherry** - I was the last of 6 children to graduate from Saint Andrew School. My classmates made the eight years very enjoyable. The Sisters of St. Joseph prepared us for the future and the foundation that was built at SAS enabled me to be a successful person, husband and father.

*Medford, NJ*

**1959**

**Regina Kerrigan Dever** - Many wonderful memories of SAS. Our 8th grade class was all girls and was taught by Sister Cecilia. Sister Rita Bernadette taught the boys. Enjoyed the photos and news from the graduates. Seven Kerrigan children graduated from Saint Andrew School.

*Boothwyn, PA*

**1964**

**Frances Bonanni Hay** - I teach math at Bayard Rustin High School in West Chester, PA. I have three children and 4 grandsons.

*West Chester, PA*

**1966**

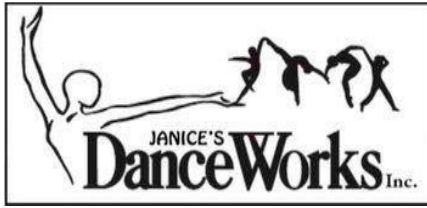
**John Thomas** - Fifth grandchild born on March 28, 2011

*Springfield, PA*



**1977**

**Janice Viola Verone** - Owner of *Janice's DanceWorks, Inc.*



Awarded The Talk Of The Town

**Best Dance Studio**

2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011!

(janicesdanceworks.com)

*Swarthmore, PA*

**1993**

**Michael J. Litz** - Moving the family (Carie and daughter Sarah - 3 yrs.) from Conshohocken to



Havertown - right next door to my sister, Katie (Litz) McGuinn '89 and her family! Great opportunity to borrow an awesome array of power tools and lawn care equipment from her

husband Danny.

*Havertown, PA*

**2001**

**Mary Vantine** - Currently pursuing a degree at the Art Institute in Pittsburgh, PA

*Drexel Hill, PA*

**2003**

**Matthew Vantine** - Attending Temple University and studying Business / Communications .

*Drexel Hill, PA*

**2010**

**Justin Domenico** - attends Cardinal O'Hara High School - is on the JV soccer team and runs track as well.

*Drexel Hill, PA*



**Class of 2011**



Congratulations to the 2011 graduates of Saint Andrew School!

They are attending the following local high schools

**Archbishop Prendergast High School**

Emily Ianovala & Bernadette McPoyle

**Cardinal O'Hara High School**

Sarah Aldrich & Corinne Alfano

**Monsignor Bonner High School**

Joseph Callahan, James Doubet, Carlos Ruiz, Andrew Maenner & Paul Friel

**Upper Darby High School**

Lucas Newman, Andrew Vizzarri & Tyrone West

**Merion Mercy Academy**

Katie Quigley, Abby DeFeo & Maggie Collington

**Newman-Goretti High School**

Sianni Martin

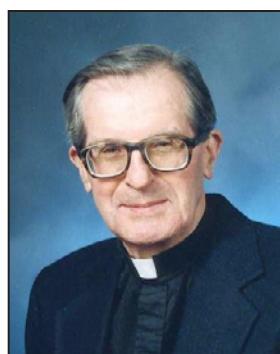


## *In Memoriam*

**1942**

**The Rev. Frederick A. Homann, S.J.** - a Jesuit priest and educator who had been chairman of the mathematics department at what is now Loyola University Maryland, died Aug. 24 of a heart attack at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. He was 82.

Father Homann was born and raised in Philadelphia, was a graduate of SAS, St.



Joseph Preparatory School and attended Villanova University for a year before entering the Society of Jesus in 1947. He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1951 from St. Louis University, which was followed in

1954 by a licentiate in philosophy. Father Homann earned a master's degree in 1956 and his doctorate in mathematics in 1959, both from the University of Pennsylvania.

He was ordained into the priesthood in 1962 and received a licentiate in theology in 1963. He made his final profession in 1965. Father Homann returned to Loyola as a professor of math and was department chairman from 1964 to 1970. From 1970 to 1997, he was professor of math and department chairman at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. He is survived by a brother, Alfred J. Homann of Medford, NJ.

**1964**

**Mildred Frances "Millie" Gallop** - July 29, 1950 - August 3, 2011. Mildred Frances Gallop (nee Blessington), age 61 of Clifton Heights, former longtime resident of Drexel Hill died August 03, 2011 at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Born in Philadelphia on July 29, 1950 she was raised in Drexel Hill where she was a graduate of Saint Andrew School '64 and Archbishop Prendergast High School Class of 1968. She was the daughter of the late Philip Blessington. She is survived by her



mother, Mary Blessington of Clifton Heights; her children, Shannon '89 (Frank) Izzi of Springfield, Stacie '91 (Greg) Canapp of Abingdon, MD, Bobby Gallop '93 of Springfield, Kimberley '94 (Joseph) Clifford of Springfield, Timothy '96 Gallop of Clifton Heights and Brian '98 Gallop of Drexel Hill. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Samantha and Frankie Izzi, Molly and Joey Clifford, Bryan Canapp, and twins on the way; her 7 sisters, 2 brothers, and many nieces and nephews.

**1999**

**Michael "Harry" Gallagher** - Born and raised in Drexel Hill, Michael 26, died suddenly on October 14th 2011. He attended Saint Andrew School and graduated from Msgr. Bonner High School in 2003. Michael loved life at the Jersey shore and also was an avid sports fan of the Phillies and Eagles. Michael



had a huge heart and loved spending time with his family and friends, especially with all of his cousins, and his girlfriend of five years - Amber Hansch. He had a great sense of humor and enjoyed working with one

of his best friends at Bernie's Pretzel. Michael is the beloved son of Joseph F. and Ann D. (Quaterola) Gallagher; brother of Joseph '93 and Kelly '97; also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins



## Current Events....

Remember the days when Sister would ask students to bring in a newspaper clipping from the Philadelphia Bulletin or Inquirer about some current event that was happening locally, nationally or in some distant part of the world? Today, such news / current events are as close as the nearest classroom laptop computer. While technology has clearly connected the students' classroom experiences with world events in real time, there are still some classic forms of communication that remain without peer - from generation to generation - like a soldier in some distant country receiving a letter from home during time of war.

This past spring, John & Mary Hatfield spearheaded a project that would send letters from SAS students to our troops in Afghanistan. The project also included a special event (see photos) with the school's technological resources utilizing "Skype" - a software application that allows participants to make voice, video calls and videoconferencing over the internet. It was a great experience for all involved and another event is planned for December 2011.



*Dear Mary & John,*

*First, let me say thank you for the efforts you provided in spearheading the letter writing campaign by the kids – the letters are priceless! I am sitting here with a big grin on my face having re-read many of the letters – the sincerity of a child has no equal!*

*I've asked several of my guys to respond to the kids so hopefully they will get some feedback soon. I'd like to offer this note back to the teachers and the students – if you could please convey this to them I'd be appreciative.*

*Michael H. Brown, Colonel, USMC*

Students of Saint Andrew School:

My name is Colonel Mike Brown. I am a United States Marine and am very proud to serve our country. I have done this for the past 23 years and I truly feel blessed to have served with some outstanding Marines and Sailors, as well, to serve our Nation which I can assure you is a very special country to live in.

We are currently serving in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. This is located in the western part of the country and in the middle of the Afghan desert. Many of you asked what the weather is like. Today it will be 112 degrees Fahrenheit and the wind is blowing very hard so there is dust everywhere. Typically the winds die down at night and it cools down a bit. It is very dark here at night so the solar system seems so close you could reach up and touch the stars.





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What do we do? We work in a headquarters that is trying to develop the Afghan Army and Police to provide security to their own country. We take for granted these capabilities in the United States because we have been doing them for so long, but in this country they have never had a functioning police department, judges, lawyers, Army. So, we are here helping them create that capability. This will enable Afghanistan to survive on its own and hopefully prevent them from allowing terrorists to use their country as a safe haven in the future.

What is daily life like? We work in a small building that has air conditioning and computers – it's a nice place to work because we're not outside all of the time in the heat and dust. We do travel around a lot to visit the Afghans that we are teaching. They like to invite us to drink green tea and discuss the things they need help with. Their customs teach them to be very hospitable to their guests when we are invited into their homes or their workplace. Our days begin early in the morning. We typically start our day at 7:30 in the morning, when we have our first meeting. My day usually ends around midnight, at which time I go back to my room and fall asleep. We sleep on beds and have access to showers so we cannot complain about the living conditions. We have a large chow hall and the food is very good.

There is still a lot for us to do here in the time we have remaining. President Obama made a decision last year that we will withdraw all of our forces in 2014 so we have many things we want to accomplish between now and then. We want the Afghans to be successful so that we do not have to send U.S. forces back here after 2014.



So, you should be getting ready to finish school soon and start your summer vacation. That is very exciting and I hope you have an outstanding summer. All I'd ask is that when you go to bed at night and say your prayers, please pray for the Marines and Sailors that are here in Afghanistan working in some very dangerous areas. I have shared your letters with these Marines and they get very excited to know that you are thinking about them even though you've never met them. Knowing that you care for them and are praying for them will give them the strength to carry on their mission until they get to fly home and are safe with their own families.

God Bless America!

Very Respectfully,

M. H. Brown

Colonel, USMC

Director, Afghan National Security Force Development

Regional Command (Southwest)

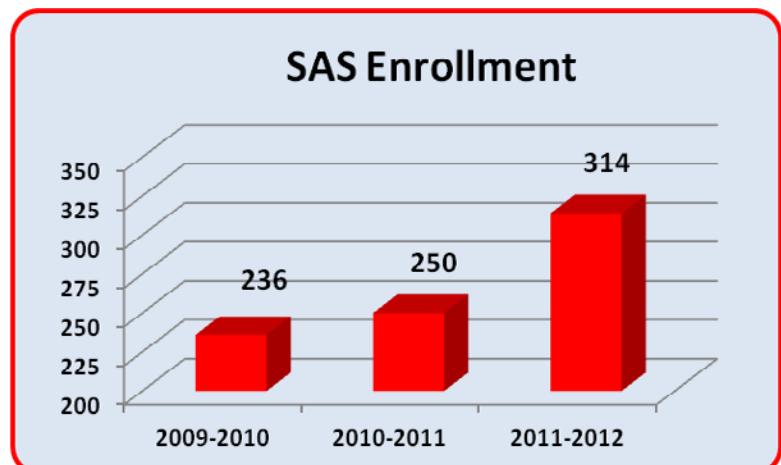
Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan



## Faith. Academics. Service.

# Catholic Schools

The new logo for the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) for the 2011-2012 school year is displayed above. This new academic year will also mark Saint Andrew School's **90th year** of instilling these valuable life lessons of *faith*, *academics* and *service*. More and more families clearly understand the troubling realities described by Monsignor Grous in this issue's *Pastor's Message* and are choosing SAS for their children's education and formation. SAS offers an alternative culture - providing children with a faith-based education that not only challenges each child academically, but provides them with a well-rounded learning experience including the arts, sciences, music, language arts, social sciences and technology. This is achieved through a highly qualified and experienced faculty (staff and specialists) and the new hands-on learning environment offered through our lab facilities in art, computers and science as well as multiple Atriums for the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* program. And while the economy has not been kind to many household incomes, it has certainly refocused many young families to carefully re-evaluate and consider only those goods and services that will truly add lasting value in the lives of their children. Consequently, people of all faiths and income levels are recognizing the substantial qualities and distinctions Saint Andrew School affords and are choosing SAS for their children's education. The graph illustrates this enrollment success quite well!



## School News



Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools, BLOCS, is an independent charitable organization supported by companies, firms and foundations of all sizes in the five county Philadelphia region. For the past three years, they have offered ten(10) \$10,000 grants to schools throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia that submit the most compelling enrollment growth strategy and marketing plan. This year (2011) eighty (80) schools submitted their plans. SAS was one of the ten schools recognized by BLOCS and awarded the \$10,000 grant! This independent organization also recognizes what many of our current families and loyal alumni already know - that Saint Andrew School offers an outstanding Catholic education in a safe and loving environment, staffed by experienced and dedicated faculty, and a wonderful complement of caring and selfless volunteers.



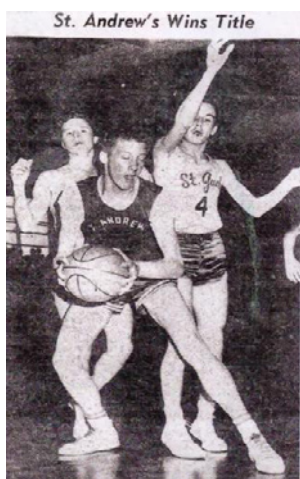
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## Class of 1962



**Front Row** (from left): 2nd Raymond Theilacker; 3rd Dave Breen; 6th Michael Barrett; 7th Frank Moran. **Second Row:** 11th Kathy Clark. **Third Row:** 13th Rita Manning. **Fourth Row:** 2nd Leo Burt; 4th James Mullen; 5th Gerald ?; 11th Jim Harkins. **Back Row:** 3rd Vincent A. Guarini; 5th Joseph Stolsfus; 10th Francis Becker.

Special thanks to Vincent Guarini who supplied the Class of 1962 photos and a partial listing of his classmates. Hopefully, during your 50th Reunion in 2012, Vincent's classmates can fill in the blanks.



### Championship Game Box Score

ST. ANDREW'S (Drexel Hill)			S. JOSEPH'S (Baltimore, Md.)		
	G.	F. P.			
Stumm	2	0	4	Walsh	2 2 6
Steigerwalt	0	2	2	Witt	7 2 16
Miller	3	1	7	Maher	1 0 2
Faustman	2	1	5	Brissoti	0 0 0
Clifton	8	1	17	Moran	0 0 0
Mingey	0	0	0		
G'dschmidt	0	0	0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>10 4 24</b>
Halftime: St. Andrew's, 20-10.					

The St. Andrew 1962 CYO basketball team recorded 25 straight wins culminating with the Middle Atlantic States Championship - the 1st time a suburban school had ever won the Middle Atlantic title. (Above photo) Tom Miller in the semi-final against St. Jude of D.C. Jack Ryan, Jr. coached the team before a packed house of 1,200 at Msgr. Bonner's gymnasium.

### Class of 1962 - Do you remember...?

**Popular Films** • West Side Story • Spartacus • El Cid • Lawrence of Arabia • To Kill a Mockingbird

**Popular Singers** • The Beatles • Bob Dylan • Chubby Checker • Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons • Neil Sedaka • Roy Orbison • Shirley Bassey

- Average cost of new house \$12,500.00
- Average income per year \$5,556.00
- Average monthly rent \$110.00 per month
- Tuition to Harvard University \$1,520.00
- Average cost of a new car \$3,125.00
- Eggs per dozen 32 cents
- Gas per gallon 28 cents

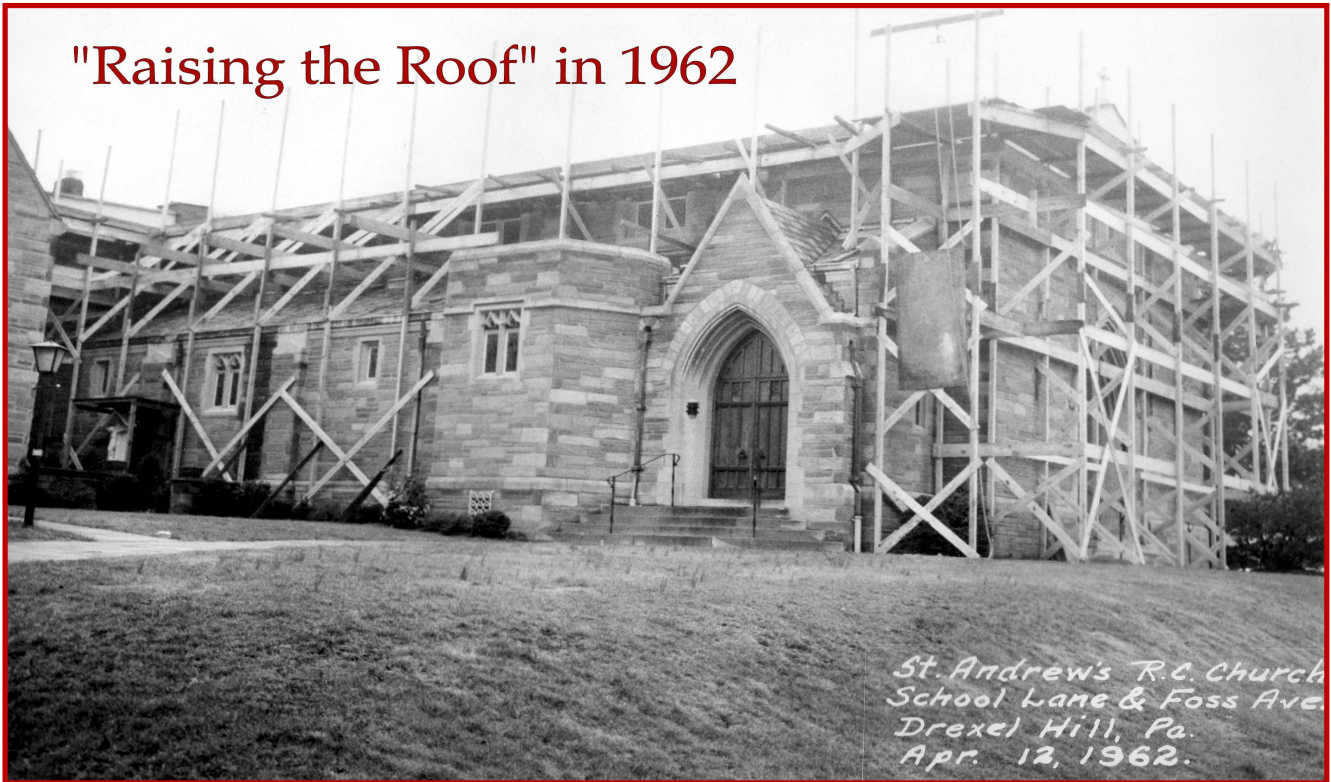
**Second Vatican Council** - opened under Pope John XXIII on October 11, 1962

### Cuban Missile Crisis

US Forces go to DEFCON 2 (described as "next step to nuclear war") on October 24th. October 28th, Khrushchev announces over Radio Moscow that he has agreed to remove the missiles from Cuba.



## "Raising the Roof" in 1962



## Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue Dedication



The beautiful statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was formally dedicated on September 8, 2011 after the opening school Mass for the new 2011-2012 school year. The statue (and handsome stone foundation) was donated by a parish family and is located on the Mason Avenue side of the church near the graves of the first two pastors of St. Andrew Parish - Rev. Joseph M. McShain (1916-1949) and Rev. John J. Hughes (1949-1970).





## Class of 1960

(Redux)

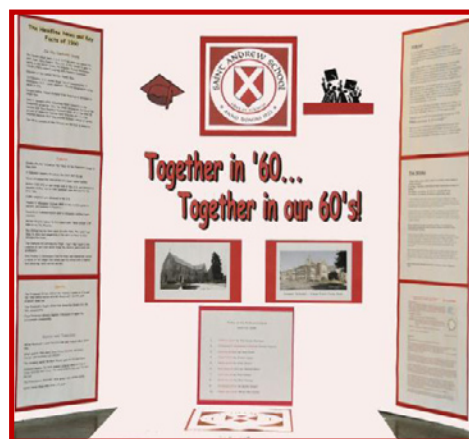


Yes, we did feature the Class of 1960 reunion event in the 2011 spring edition of the Alumni Newsletter. However, after their gathering, members of the Class of 1960 returned to Saint Andrew School and had an opportunity to regale students with tales of life among 1,000+ SAS students in the Lower School Building (the Upper School was built in 1963).



Current students also had an opportunity to ask questions - making some members feel older than the pyramids - *"Did you use Roman Numerals?"*

It was a great learning experience for the students, faculty and alumni. We are most grateful for the generous donation of \$1,000 from the Class of 1960 reunion event. It truly was inspiring to hear how much their days at SAS meant to them and how it helped shape them into the person that they are today.







## SAS Alum Honored *Barrymore Lifetime Achievement Award*

Harry Dietzler, **SAS Class of 1965**, who founded Upper Darby Summer Stage in 1976, recently received the distinguished *Lifetime Achievement Award* at the *17th Annual Barrymore Awards for Excellence in Theatre* on October 3, 2011 at the Walnut Street Theater. The *Lifetime Achievement Award* is one of the most celebrated awards presented during the annual Barrymore Awards for Excellence in Theater ceremony.

For thirty six years, generations of young theater-goers and their families have been introduced to musical theater by attending Summer Stage productions, while thousands of young participants have benefitted from the program since 1976. Over 750 young people participated in the most recent 2011 season, while over 30,000 ticket-holders attended the performances.



The Barrymore Lifetime Achievement Award is given in recognition of an individual who has devoted his or her time, talent and energy to making a significant impact on the cultural landscape of Greater Philadelphia. Harry epitomizes what this award is about with his decades-long commitment to nurturing the local artists of tomorrow,” says Margie Salvante, Executive Director of the Theatre Alliance of Greater Philadelphia. “But Harry has done much more than create artists - he has built communities that support theatre and enrich lives year after year.”

A native of Upper Darby Township, Harry Dietzler is a graduate of Saint Andrew School, Msgr. Bonner High School and Temple University - graduating with a degree in Music Education. While in college, he saw the need and great opportunity for a youth summer theater arts program and, with the support of the Township of Upper Darby and the Upper Darby School District, founded Upper Darby Summer Stage in 1976.



Today Upper Darby Summer Stage is considered one of the most successful youth theater programs in America; its distinguished alumni include Emmy Award-winning actress and writer Tina Fey, Terrence J. Nolen and Amy Murphy (the founders and directors of The Arden Theatre, who met at Summer Stage), playwright Tom Donaghy, and many others.

Since 1988, Harry has also served as Founder and Executive and Artistic Director for the Upper Darby Performing Arts Center. In addition to providing support for school and community performances, The Performing Arts Center has presented professional ensembles such as The Philadelphia Orchestra, The Irish Tenors, The Golden Dragon Acrobats, The Glenn Miller Orchestra, Jury's Irish Cabaret, and many more national and international performers. Harry has also contributed notably to the Greater Philadelphia theater arts community as Founding Executive Director of the Upper Darby Educational and Cultural Foundation, Inc., and as Founding Program Director for The Greater Philadelphia Cappies.

### Congratulations Harry!



## Saint Andrew School 2011 Annual Appeal Campaign Update

(June 2011 - October 2011)

Our sincere thanks and gratitude to all who are generously supporting this year's SAS Annual Appeal Campaign. We have received over \$8,000 more at this point in the annual campaign than we did in the prior campaign through October 2010. In particular, the number and amount of donations from our alumni has continued to show healthy increases each year and the number of 1st time donors is also very encouraging.

We truly hope you enjoy reading about the 'glory days' of the past as well as all the exciting news happening today at your primary *Alma Mater*. Stay connected and involved. Your prayers and support are indeed making a difference. All gifts, regardless of size, are welcomed and truly appreciated.

Class of:	Alumni Gifts	Total By Decade
1948	3	<b>12</b>
1949	9	
1950	3	<b>14</b>
1951	1	
1956	2	
1957	3	
1958	3	
1959	2	
1960	2*	
1961	2	<b>17</b>
1962	3	
1963	2	
1964	2	
1965	1	
1966	2	
1968	2	
1969	1	
1971	1	<b>11</b>
1973	2	
1974	2	
1975	1	
1977	5	
1981	1	<b>5</b>
1983	1	
1987	1	
1988	1	
1989	1	
1993	1	<b>1</b>
<b>60</b>		<b>60</b>

\*Class of 1960 - one check from multiple donors

Donor Level	Number of Donors	Amount
\$5,000+	2	\$ 10,000
\$1,000+	3	\$ 4,500
\$500+	9	\$ 4,600
\$250+	11	\$ 2,800
\$100+	62	\$ 6,750
up to \$99	55	\$ 2,140
	<b>142</b>	<b>\$30,790</b>

Directed Gifts	Number of Donors	Amount
Financial Aid	36	\$ 8,226
Operations	38	\$ 6,206
Science Lab	12	\$ 3,341
Non-directed	56	\$ 13,017
	<b>142</b>	<b>\$30,790</b>





## Saint Andrew School 2011 Annual Appeal Campaign

We are deeply appreciative of all the donors listed below and on the following pages for their generosity in supporting and funding the on-going needs of our parish school.

### SSJ Circle

(\$5,000 +)

Anonymous  
The Litz Family

In honor of the Sisters of St. Joseph



### Principal's Circle

(\$1,000 +)

Anonymous  
Mark T. Bullock, Esq. '74  
Class of 1960  
William Murray

In memory of Howard V. Bullock III



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(\$500 +)

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Anonymous  
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Nancy & Alfred Cappelli, Jr.  
Brian Litz '87  
Jeffrey & Elizabeth Roken  
Janet Sullivan  
Reggie O'Rourke Trainer '49

In honor of the Class of 1949

In memory of the deceased members of the Nelson and Baker Families

In memory of the Matz & Cappelli Families

In memory of Ray Ewing

In memory of Jeanette Conroy (mother)

In memory of Rev. Charles M. O'Rourke

### Friends of SAS

(\$250 +)

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Paul Bracken '62  
Mary Catherine Bruder '49  
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Michael '93 & Carie Litz  
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José & Dominique Pascual  
Ruffenach Funeral Home  
Robert & Marie Verna

In memory of Maureen Bruder-Kilgariff (sister)

In memory of Norman L. Kidd

In memory of Joseph R. McFadden, Sr., Edith E. McFadden,

Gerald T. McFadden '66 & Francis X. McFadden '68.

In honor of Sisters Roberta, Anna & Liz

In honor of the Verna Children





# Saint Andrew School

## SAS Steward

(\$100 +)



Anonymous (9)

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Mr. & Mrs. Edward Black

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In memory of Michael (Dutchie) Avicolli

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In memory of Catherine & John McNamee

In honor of Joseph A. Brophy & Berenice T. Brophy

In memory of Bernard M. Carroll



In honor of parents -Regina & Francis Kerrigan

& in memory of Stephen Kerrigan '69

In honor of Jean Marie, Patricia, Frances & Mary Chris and  
in memory of Rev. John Hughes



In memory of Eugene Kissinger & Mary K. Gleason

In memory of brothers Tom & John Lavin (SAS Graduates)

In memory of Eileen Curtin Carlucci '68

In memory of James & Dolores Light

In memory of Mrs. Patricia A. Lynch &

Mr. & Mrs. Jeremiah H. & Mary Lynch

In honor of the Class of 1977

In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

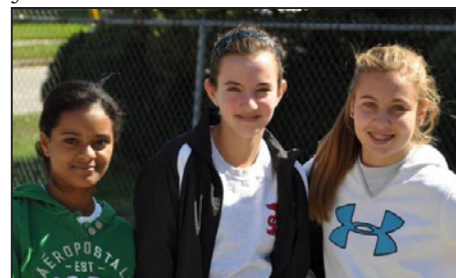
& in memory of Evelyn McGinley

In memory of Peggy Andruszko

In honor of St. Rita

In memory of Sarah Kennedy

In memory of James J. O'Neill





## **SAS Steward**

(\$100 +)

(continued)

Dolores Hansell O'Neill '49

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In memory of Stella Sannino

In honor of the Sherry Family



## **SAS Donor**

(to \$99)

Anonymous (3)

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Michael Benson '56

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Regina Breithaupt Ferri '49

In memory of Paul J. Lindinger

In memory of Ray Ewing

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. A. V. Vayda

In memory of my Mom & Dad

In honor of Patrick & Elizabeth Brennan

In memory of Anthony J. Carey



In honor of Diane D. Wysocki & Dana D. Harkins

In memory of Stephanie Costa Wright

In honor of Catherine Faustman





# Saint Andrew School

## SAS Donor

(to \$99)

(continued)

Mr. Brian Geraghty '59  
 Harry & Jeannett Golden  
 Vincent A. Guarini '62  
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 John Thomas '66  
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In honor of "a job well done!!!"

In honor of Christopher Nichols & in memory of Louis W. Higgins  
 In memory of Mr. Carmen Mongeluzi & Mr. & Mrs. John Mazzola  
 In memory of Bernice Breithaupt Ebeling & Florence Mack Russell



In honor of the Class of 1948

In memory of Jessica Ludwig



In memory of Mary P. Ninni  
 In memory of John Scanlan '60 (brother)  
 In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Urban Lamay & Mr. & Mrs. Louis Pinto

In memory of the Rodgers Family

In memory of Alfreda Spallucci



In honor of Mary C. Palucci

In memory of Thomas Mark Campbell '56





## Saint Andrew School 2011 Annual Appeal Campaign

Our **2011 Annual Appeal Campaign** is off to a great start. Through October 2011, we have received 142 gifts totaling \$30,790 - that's over \$8,000 ahead of the donations received last year through October 2010!

Your gifts truly do make a difference in the lives of our students - enabling many families to continue their enrollment at SAS through the financial assistance provided through your directed gifts or simply assisting in the funding of critical academic endeavors.



**Please complete this section and print your name as you would like it to appear in the Spring 2012 edition of the SAS Alumni Newsletter**

☐ Check here if anonymity is desired

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate of SAS? ☐ No ☐ Yes – Class of \_\_\_\_\_

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### My Gift to the 2011 Saint Andrew School Annual Appeal Campaign

Please accept the enclosed gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Saint Andrew School

**Giving Levels:**

Legacy Circle \$10,000+  
SSJ Circle \$5,000+  
Principal's Circle \$1,000+  
Red & White Club \$500+  
Friends of SAS \$250+  
SAS Steward \$100+  
SAS Donor to \$99

Gift is: ☐ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

☐ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

**Please direct my gift to:**

General School Operations  
Financial Assistance for a SAS Student  
Science Lab - Materials & Supplies



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**Saint Andrew School**

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**Alumni Newsletter, Saint Andrew School, 535 Mason Ave., Drexel Hill, PA 19026**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Maiden** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class of** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

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**News about you or remembrances of SAS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note to Parents: If your son or daughter has moved from your home address, please help us update SAS's alumni records by completing the above form and returning in the envelope provided with this newsletter.**