

The Royal Reporter

Note from the Principal

Mrs. Janet Dolan

Fall 2010

As it has been stated several times, our theme for this year is *"Leave your footprint in the world. Leave your fingerprint on its souls"*. This is a two-prong message and hopefully spins two prong goals for all of us.

You have placed your faith in St. James School to academically prepare your children to be ready to take their places in the world. Our pledge is to teach them to think, to gather and process information, to discern and to apply that knowledge. Our pledge, too, is to lead them to discover, to explore, and to learn, so that they will achieve in their ultimate careers and leave their mark, their footprint in the world...and, with God's blessings, make a difference. The first prong message prepares them for what they will do in life.

This is an important and a grave responsibility for an educational institution, but they can get such skills at any excellent school. St. James School offers more – the second prong of the message. Your children are here so that they can understand and experience their affective ability and know they can make a difference in someone's life, even people they will probably never meet. Those are the fingerprints on souls, and they

don't fade on the lives they touch. The second prong prepares them for the kind of person they will become in life.

None of us need to be reminded when September roles around each year what happened to us all in 2001. It was a terrible time for everyone. On September 11, 2001, the community of St. James and neighboring parishes were hard hit with the devastation that took place in New York City. Parents, relatives, neighbors, friends were lost in the blaze and smoke that engulfed the heel of Manhattan. With their lives gone, ours were changed forever.

As we strove to resurrect ourselves in the aftermath, St. Hillary School, in Fairlawn, Ohio reached its hand across the miles to let us know that others cared and shared our pain. Family members played a part in linking the two schools together. In an effort to be connected to us, their fingers created a comfort quilt, hand stitched with care and love... trying to heal hearts that were broken, trying to tell us they cared. We never forgot that kindness.

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck. Our mission-minded kids wanted to help. Student initiated, they raised almost \$1700 dollars through bake sales, bracelet sales, ribbon sales, dress down days, and even setting up lemonade

and cookie stands at home. We adopted a school, again through relative intervention, who had taken in over 125 displaced students and sent our donations. We sent more than money, though. We decided to send our comfort quilt to help cloak the newly broken hearts...hearts we would probably never meet but with a promise that tomorrow would be better. There was only one instruction that accompanied the quilt. *"Keep it for as long as you like, but pass it on to another school someday that finds itself in time of need and in the need of understanding hearts."*

That quilt took on a life and story of its own over nine years. In October, 2006, tragedy struck the Nickel Mines Amish School. Our comfort quilt left, Louisiana and traveled to Pennsylvania where it hung at the Bart Township Fire Company, as a sign of support and, once again, understanding hearts reaching out in a gesture of kindness and compassion.

The quilt did not stay long among the Amish. In April, 2007, a shooting rampage took place at Virginia Tech that claimed the lives of 32 people. Amish families boarded buses and personally presented the quilt to the VT community offering comfort and peace.

In February 2008, our quilt was on the move

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PTA Meeting

October 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

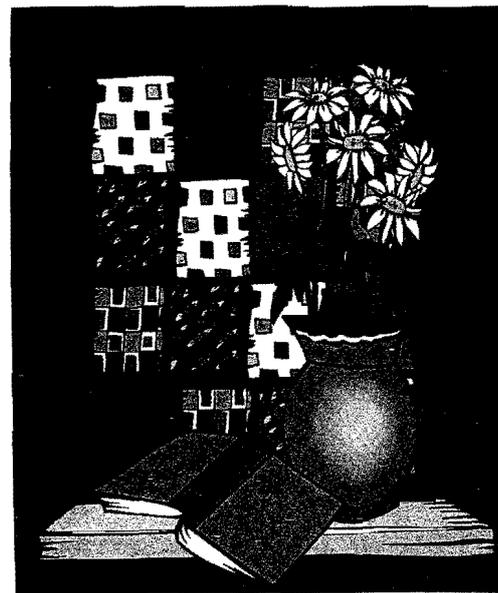
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again to Northern Illinois University where a shooting had taken the lives of five students. Now it hangs in the University of Alabama in the wake of yet another campus mourning. Sadly we know it probably won't stay here but will continue its journey bringing comfort to those who need it.

So many years later the quilt lives on in testimony that out of tragedy can emerge understanding and compassion from others who yearn to give comfort and touch the heart of others... *leave our fingerprints on souls.* So many have been affected by the initial act of kindness from the students at St. Hillary School to us. And how many more have been moved by our gesture of passing a simple piece of material to a school community suffering terrible loss? May it continue to cloak them and those yet to be in need, so they feel the prayers of others who had suffered likewise.

God bless.



Development News

Congratulations to our Summer Clipping Contest Winners: Kyle Hill, 1A (First Place, K-4) and Anthony Apostolides, 5A (First Place, 5-8). Each won a portable DVD Player. Our second place winners--Jack Philips, 1B, and Bridgin Murrer, 5A--received movie passes.

Keep those Box Tops, Labels for Education, Cell Phones, Toner Cartridges and Tyson Labels coming, as the classroom dress down pass contest is now in full swing. All submissions received September 27th – December 17th count. The dress down will be awarded in January 2011.

Don't forget: the top collecting class for the school year wins a pizza party. After the summer submission, Ms. Rhodes' 3rd Grade Class (3B) is in the lead.

Please feel free to contact Tina Catapano (732.671.2448) with any questions on the programs.

Do You Know Where to Find Development Offers & Opportunities?

Now that St. James School is "going green," the Development Committee will be stepping up our presence on the St. James website. Go there any time to learn about all our ongoing events and programs,

and find all the forms and flyers you need to take advantage of opportunities.

Please be sure to visit www.mysaintjames.com and click on the "Support Our School" tab on the left side. That's a direct line to all Development opportunities.

Don't forget to check out the Online Shopping Opportunities found under the S.H.O.P. program – there are many great ways to earn money for St. James while shopping online. Let the retailers you regularly use help support our school with your shopping dollars. Details available on our website.

Box Tops Are Back . . .
Are You Clipping?

9th Annual St James Golf Outing Huge Success



Once again under sunny skies, the 9th Annual St. James Golf Classic took place on Monday, September 20th, 2010 at the beautiful Bamm Hollow Country Club in Lincroft, NJ. With a near capacity number of golfers, the Golf Outing was a hard-won success for the St. James Athletic Association in raising critical funding for all St. James student athletes.

As many of you may be aware, the St. James Golf Outing is the S.J.A.A.'s sole fundraiser and fully supports all the sports programs at St. James. Without the success of this one event, none of the teams at St. James would exist. The student athletes of St. James are fortunate because our programs have continued to grow, despite budget shortfalls that have radically reduced or eliminated sports programs at other elementary schools. In addition to our existing sports, we have recently added girls' lacrosse,

field hockey, JV softball, boys JV baseball and peewee cross country. St. James currently has over 400 student-athletes participating in 17 sports.

Some highlights of the day include the presentation of a newly established award—The Fallon Award—given to a St. James family, which honors the tireless dedication and effort to the student sports program exemplified by Peg and Tim Fallon. Congratulations Tim and Peg, and thank you for your many years of hard work!

During difficult economic times, the S.J.A.A. would like to extend heartfelt thanks to our numerous loyal sponsors, for monetary and service donations, as well as our golfers, who made the day a success. Many thanks also to the St. James Golf Committee, who spent countless hours organizing, soliciting, and donating, to put together this great event.

S.J.A.A. Q and A:

How do sign up to participate in the St. James Golf Outing?

Very simply: sign up! SJAA is always looking for volunteers to help solicit donations, plan, or just help out the day of the Golf outing. Of course, new golfers are always welcome, so please consider enjoying a day wonderful and rewarding outing. Ladies, come out and put on the spikes!

Is it possible for me to become an Assistant Coach?

The SJAA would like to encourage all parent volunteers to lend their individual talents and strengths to build healthy bodies and strong spirits through competitive sports. For Diocesan requirements to become a coach, or to volunteer within the school, please contact Athletic Director, Tony Flego, and obtain an application.

Red Ribbon Week

October 25th through October 29, 2010

Red Ribbon Week, the nation's largest and oldest campaign to keep children drug-free, was October 25th thru October 29th. We had a variety of activities to students to stay drug-free. The students were offered a chance to win prizes by writing a short remind essay on how being drug-free will allow them to pursue a dream they have of achieving. Thank-you to everyone for participating in the contest, you are all winners! A wall-sized "Pledge Card" was hung in the gymnasium for students to sign to demonstrate their support for a clean and healthy life. We hope that everyone knows the students of Saint James are committed to success and working as a "TEAM". Mrs. Nolan designated Tuesday as the Wear RED Dollar Dress Down day. All money collected will go to support SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions). In addition to red ribbons worn by staff, students were given pencils, bracelets or bookmarks to commemorate the week. Thank you to everyone for your participation in the event! We hope all of your dreams are achieved!



Every BODY Can Heal

Meet co-authors Frances Bleuet and Angela LaMor on Wednesday, October 13th at 7pm before the PTA meeting. Frances is a safety specialist and a nutrition researcher. She developed an "anti-cancer" diet to save her daughter Angela's life from an advanced stage of ovarian cancer. Today she is happy to say that her daughter is a cancer survivor. This is also Angela's story of her diagnosis, recovery, and the diet that helped save her life. Presentation was given on Wednesday, October 13th at 7pm in the school cafeteria.

Royals News

Joe DeLeo

Welcome Back to School! The Royals Club provides dads an opportunity to be involved in school activities with their children and earn PFE points at the various Royals Events throughout the school year for grades K-8. The Royals have planned the following exciting events for the 2010-2011 school year:

Basketball Blowout

Friday, January 7, 2011 from 7:00 pm—8:30 pm. Come cheer the Royals Dads tip off against the Red Bank Police Department at 6:00 pm.

Polar Plunge

Sunday, January 9, 2011 at 1:00 pm in Sea Bright. Do you dare to take the plunge to raise money for the school? This is a great fundraiser at no cost to the school!

Game Night

Friday, January 28, 2011 from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. We have a variety of great games for the kids to have fun all night long!

There are also opportunities for dads to earn PFE points at the Fall Harvest Social, Breakfast with Santa and Grandparent's Tea events!

We welcome all dads to join the Royals. We need you to get involved at the school

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PTA News

It is so wonderful to be back at school! The children will never admit to it but they too are glad to be back into a daily routine. We were off to a great start as we held our New Family Orientation along with the used uniform sale. The sale was a great success! Our boys are wearing new uniforms this year and are looking very stylish in them! During the first week of school we welcomed the staff back with a gift card from Dunkin' Donuts. We have had our first PTA Meeting, our first Royals Meeting and our first Development Meeting in the month of September. Back to School night and the New Family Social was well attended. The New Family Social was held in the Broad Street Auditorium on September 24, 2010. It is always so wonderful to see so many new faces and personalities that give our school such great character. For the second year in a row Christian Buckman did a fabulous job pulling everyone and everything together. The children attended the kick off of the Fall Fundraiser. Many thanks to Laurie Miller for a job well done, as our fundraiser was a terrific success! We also had our first Brothers Night, the kids love this night where they can eat pizza and hang out with their friends at the same time.

In October we held our first PTA speaker meeting, our topic was on holistic health "every body can heal". The speakers took us on

the their own life journey of illness and healing through proper nutrition. Many parents attended and were able to secure a "dress down" pass for their kids! Thank you to all who took time out of their schedule to attend. We will be holding additional speaker nights in January and March of next year. All are welcome to join us. Our Harvest Social was held in October, the setting this year was very spooky! The children loved the haunted house, many thanks to Courtney Zatorsky and Cathy Cleary for planning such a splendid event. Also, thank you to the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students as well as the parents who helped out with the Harvest Social.

Red Ribbon Week was also celebrated in the last week of October. The week was filled with giveaways as well as a lot of information on drug awareness, thank you to Colleen Hennen for your time and energy in supplying our children with this priceless information.

November 29, 2010 marks the beginning of our first book fair of the year. The book fair will run through Sunday, December 5, 2010 (Grandparent's Tea). What a great opportunity to pick up a last minute gift or to keep up with those book reports! Proceeds from our book sale go back to the school and benefit our school's library. PFE opportunities are available for the book sale, please contact Rita Apostolides for the specifics. As Christmas rapidly approaches we will celebrate by having Breakfast with Santa. This event has always been very well attended. Breakfast with Santa will be held on Satur-

day, December 4, 2010. Adrienne Lamanno and Yvonne Ciccone do a fantastic job and look forward to seeing everyone that day. On Sunday, December 5, 2010 we will be holding our Grandparents Tea. What a lovely afternoon it will be to have your child spend special time with their grandparent or someone close to them. The only way parents can attend is by volunteering your time! If you are interested in volunteering please contact Kim Cottell.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our committee chairs for their time and effort. Kirsten Sullivan (WIN Folders), Christian Buckman (New Family Social), Stacey Lonergan (Used Uniform Sale), Kirsten Renard (Hospitality), Kate Niesz (Children's Programs), Laurie Miller (Fall Fundraiser), Elizabeth Mancuso and Maryanne Reigelman (Adult Programs), Courtney Zatorsky and Cathy Cleary (Harvest Social), Colleen Hennen (Red Ribbon Week), Joe Deleo and all the Royals for a great start to a great year!

Just a reminder that we are trying to cut back on our usage of paper. Please remember to look at the Saint James website www.mysaintjames.com to obtain updates for any upcoming events.

Denise Burke and Mary Jane Manners

Co-Presidents

NEED PFE POINTS?

We are still in need of volunteers, if you need points please give us a call!

Denise and Mary Jane
Presidents