

West Sayville Christian School Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT - John Mazzone

I want to start by thanking Karen Warren for the wonderful job she has done in her first year as Principal. She has truly been a blessing and we look forward to many more years of her dedication to the school.

I would like to thank everyone who worked so diligently in making this year's auction the success that it was. We were able to raise over \$41,000 and could not have accomplished this without the hard work of all of the volunteers. I would also like to give a special thanks to Kim Sparacio who chaired the event and who graciously volunteered the use of her house during the many months it took to put the auction together.

This year's science fair involving the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades was a big success. The winners from the 5th and 6th grade were able to submit their projects at the Brookhaven National Lab Science Fair. Congratulations to 5th and 6th grade students who represented our school at Brookhaven and all the students from 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th.

The 6th and 7th grades took their yearly trip to Spruce Lake and the 8th grade went to Washington, D.C. I want to thank the parents and teachers who volunteered to chaperone both trips. As always, it was a great learning experience and fun was had by all!

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that this year's corporation meeting will be held on June 3rd at 7:30 at West Sayville Reformed Bible Church (next door). During this forum, all committees will be giving their year end reports and we will be voting on two open board positions. Please note that you must be a corporate member to vote or to be nominated. I encourage anyone interested in becoming a corporate member to contact Alice Painter to sign up. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at 631-513-0027.

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of another school year. As you can see by all that has occurred, we have been very busy and we are thankful for a successful school year both academically and spiritually. Join me in praying for our graduating 8th graders as they move on to their new schools, for our exceptional students and teachers, for our hardworking volunteers, for the dedicated staff and board members, for an increase in enrollment next year and for a safe and enjoyable summer for all.

In WSCS service for Christ.

Auction a Success!

This year's 14th Annual Live and Silent Auction at the Islandia Marriott was an overwhelming success.

We hosted almost 200 guests (the most ever!) who enjoyed an hour of silent auction in the dazzling atrium, followed by a sit down dinner and Live Auction. Paddles were flying, laughing poured into the lobby of the hotel, and our faithful support helped West Sayville Christian raise an amazing \$41,000!

Thank you to all who attended the event. We are grateful for the many hours spent by the Auction Committee to help make this event a success. The Auction would not be possible if not for the donations received by our school families, alumni, friends and businesses near and far. A list of our generous donors can be found on our school auction website. Sponsors for the 2010 Auction are listed in this Newsletter, so please support them as they have supported WSCS.

And save the date and don't miss out the excitement next year on March 19, 2011!

The Great American Mail Race - Karen Warren, Principal of WSCS

The 5th and 6th Grade classes have been busy writing letters to Christian schools across the nation for **The Great American Mail Race**.

Each student has chosen 4 schools in states of their choice and asked children at that school to write back. This not only enforces letter writing, but keyboarding skills and a geography lesson, as we chart the schools on a map. We hope to hear from some of the students in other states before the end of school.

All the children of WSCS have also been busy writing poetry!!! The 5th and 6th grade will have a poetry reading in class coming up soon. We also are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our 2nd annual Literary magazine: **Finesse**. Students have submitted their poetry along with art and photographs. Look for your copy coming home soon!

Middle School Milestones - Karen Warren, Principal of WSCS

Our middle school students literally walked miles this month as they enjoyed the great outdoors at Spruce Lake and Washington, DC. As a climax to the American History curriculum, the 8th grade students visited the memorials of our great forefathers along with the White House, the Supreme Court, and many of the museums of our nation's capital. At the same time, the 6th and 7th grade students were hiking, rock climbing, and rappelling mountains at Spruce Lake as they participated in team building and survival activities in the wilderness. They had an awesome time! Our thanks to the teachers and chaperones who helped make these trips a memorable experience for all.

Congratulations Science Fair Winners! - Karen Warren, Principal of WSCS**5th grade**

1st place – Samantha Mazzone
 2nd place – Sophia DiMaio
 3rd place – John Friedmann

6th Grade

1st place - Emily Feldman
 2nd place – Morgan Schamberg
 3rd place – Caroline Painter

7th grade

1st place - Anthony Casazza
 2nd place – Shelby Mazzone
 3rd place – Aaron Zigrosser

8th Grade

1st place – Luke Dorney
 2nd place - Caity Van Essendelft
 3rd place - Chris Arena

The 5th and 6th grade winners went on to compete in the Brookhaven National Lab Science Fair in May. Congratulations!

Are You Prepared. . . for Service??? - Alice Painter, Board Secretary

Life is understandably busy, but time must be invested in your child's school to ensure that quality Christian education remains here at WSCS. Presently the school board is busy interviewing perspective nominees to serve on our Board of Directors. WSCS is a parent-run school. That means it's up to you and me to serve in various capacities within the school.

One important, yet simple, area to get involved in is corporate membership. It is corporate members who serve on the board and corporate members who vote for the board nominees. (The governance of the school is outlined in our Constitution. If you need a copy, please call the school office) The Corporation meets only once a year. This year's Corporation Meeting is June 3rd at 7:30 p.m. next door at the West Sayville Reformed Bible Church. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact me at 363-6505.

Serving on one of our standing committees (Public Relations, Ways & Means, Maintenance, Education and Finance) is a very important way to serve. Gaining firsthand experience into how the committees work within the school gives one insight into the overall operations that the board must manage. Ideally the board would draw nominees from committee members. This, however, has not been possible in recent years. We cannot stress enough how important it is to get involved on our committees. Please review your schedules and plan ahead for next year leaving time to serve on a committee. Also prayerfully consider whether our Lord may be calling you to board service in the future. Your children are only here for a limited number of years. I know from experience that a child's time here at WSCS surely flies by fast having two of my children previously graduate. Don't wait too long, plan to get involved now. We need you!

- In His Service

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2010 - Karen Warren, Principal of WSCS

Christopher Arena	Luke Dorney
Lindsay Cafariella	Joseph Segreto
Corey Collins	Kaylee Timm
Caitlin Van Essendelft	

We are so blessed to have been a part of their lives! We know God has a great plan for each one of our graduates.

We invite you to share their big moment: Thursday, June 17th at 7:30 pm West Sayville Reformed Bible Church.

ALUMNI NEWS May 2010

WSCS 2010 graduates plan to attend the following high schools:

Chris Arena – St. John the Baptist, West Islip
 Lindsay Cafariella – Patchogue-Medford High School
 Corey Collins – Smithtown Christian School
 Luke Dorney – St. John the Baptist, West Islip
 Joseph Segreto – St Anthony High School
 Kaylee Timm – Connetquot High School
 Caitlin VanEssendelft – Sachem High School

Class of 2006: High school graduates plan to attend the following colleges:

William Anderson graduated from Patchogue-Medford HS and will attend Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology in Flushing.
 Katherine Barry graduated from the Knox School and will attend Boston Conservatory.
 Candice DiLavore graduated from Eastport South Manor HS and will attend Suffolk Community College.
 Carissa Lackey graduated from Connetquot HS and will attend the University of Pittsburg, pre med.
 Angela Puma graduated from William Floyd HS and will attend King's College or Suffolk Community College.
 Carolyn Vaeth graduated from Islip HS in '09 and will be a sophomore at Grove City College.
 Joe VanEssendelft graduated from Sayville HS and will attend Calvin College.
 Carrie Young graduated from Sayville HS and will attend New York Institute of Technology in Manhattan.

Alumni NEWS MAY 2010**Class of 2002** All are looking for full time jobs!!

Melissa Ciulla graduated from Dowling College in Elementary Special Education.

Maygin Dugin is a certified preschool teacher who works while taking business courses at Suffolk Community College, planning to open her own preschool.

Cheryl Garrett graduated from Dordt College with a major in history and a minor in international politics.

Brandon Kempf graduated from Barron Institute of Technology with a degree in auto mechanics. He presently has a part time job with the Sayville School system.

Lee Kettles is married and has a child.

Reggie St. Laurent will graduate from SUNY Stony Brook in January and will enter the medical school there.

Erica VanEssendelft graduated from Calvin College.

Katharina Young graduated from YWAM and is now working part time at Starbucks and Lucky Jeans.

Weddings

Anita Lackey ('97) married Tyce DeBoer in April, 2010 and they will live in New Caledonia, Michigan.

Births

February 2 Bethany Kathleen Apgar was born to Mark ('88) and Kristina.

February 22 Madison Joy Heuker was born to Lyndsey Miller Heuker ('91) and her husband in Michigan.

April 26 Josiah James Vignato was born to Bobby ('85-'87) and Jodi.

May 11 Elizabeth Kathleen Apgar was born to Paul ('90) and Deborah.

Teachers

Linda Lou Sully ('78-'90) retired from BOCES where she taught GED and English to high school students at risk.

Nancy Pausewang ('80) teaches at William Floyd High School.

Students

Mike Dunn ('74), wife Donna, and son Andrew will be going on a three week mission trip to Zambia in July to work at an orphanage and a VBS. Mike is a police officer who wants to be a missionary after retirement.

Jessica Pausewang ('98) is teaching at SUNY Oneonta and coaching the lacrosse team.

News from **Wayne and Sue Slager** in North Carolina: "You should see our family. We are up to 19 grandchildren. Doug ('86) is on their seventh, Cheryl ('88) has 5, Troy 3, Nick 2 and Allison on their second. Wayne is retired from printing but delivers medicine for a drug store and I (Sue) work full time in nursing in an out-patient setting." Wayne and Sue's children attended WSCS in the 80's

Wayne Cafariella ('98) is sou chef at Teller's in Islip.

Emily Ferrer ('05) is on a three month stay in Xining Province, China. Upon her return she plans to attend Zion Bible College to become a missionary.

Congratulations to the many high school students who have been inducted into various honor societies. We are aware of **Luke Cimmino**, **Alyssa Dorney**, and **AnnMarie Zigrosser**. Please contact the school to report such honors. We are proud of you all.

Recent encouraging letters have arrived from **Michelle Palmer ('60)** and **Eric Johnsen** (early '70's) Hearing from students is exciting and encouraging. Stay in touch.

Eric Johnson recalls WSCS in the early seventies and a Bible study hosted by Miss Baker and Miss Rutkowski. He lives in Spring Hill, FL, with his wife and two children. He graduated Magnum Cum Laude from the University of South Florida in 2000 with an elementary education degree. Now he works with the foster children population in the Tampa area.

Michelle Palmer is looking for classmates, especially Toni Styles. She recalls Miss Yntema's class in the sixties and says that the school looks just like it did when she was here. "What a wonderful place!!".

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