

Alumni and Friends

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5K Crusader Gallop & Fun Trot

What excitement to watch the runners cross the finish line at the Inaugural 5K Crusader Gallop. The inaugural event was very successful. Many medals were given to students and parents from our school. We also had a great community turn out. People loved that we had chips for timing and enjoyed the beauty of the Ream Wilson Trail. The run was sponsored by the newly founded St. Cecelia Alumni Association. Money raised by the run will be used for a scholarship program started by the Alumni Association. You can check out the results of the race at: http://www.coolrunning.com/results/10/fl/Feb6_Crusad_set1.shtml.

The Alumni Committee is looking for a Chair or Co-Chair for the annual event scheduled for **Saturday, February 5, 2011. Save the date!** You can help support the alumni committee, by running, sponsoring or joining the 5K Crusader Gallop Committee. Call Maryanne Del Monte for more information at 727.461.1207.



Crusaders Team-Up



This past year our 8th grade class spent part of their Retreat Day in service at Pinellas Hope, a shelter ministry for the homeless in Pinellas County and a diocesan ministry of mercy, sponsored by Catholic Charities. Pinellas Hope is in constant need of everyday items for the homeless.

Alumni Officers: Maryanne Del Monte, Development • Steve Paul, President • Marreen Majer, Vice President • Vicki Vaughan, Treasurer • Teresa Malke, Secretary/Historian • Mike Baralt, Class Representative

“Celebrate the uniqueness of each person as a child of God while we proclaim the Gospel message, pray together, build community, and serve others...”

Alumni Giveback In Honduras

Alumni Christopher Purcell ('06) and Michael Purcell ('08) volunteered for a weeklong mission trip to Trujillo, Honduras this past summer. Alongside their father, Dr. Chris Purcell and a group of thirty others from Espiritu Santo Catholic Church and Fr. Gilberto of St. Cecelia Parish, the group traveled to the Farm of the Child, a Honduran orphanage. They helped the children and volunteers re-roof the maintenance building, paint the convent of the Franciscan Sisters, who help to run the orphanage, and build a new prayer garden; *"The simplicity of Honduran life is unbelievable. The people are not constantly on the phone, making plans, or worrying about the future. Instead, they are happy just "being" and enjoying those around them which keeps them going. The*

entire week we spent in Honduras, through all of the poverty and need, there was hardly anyone who lacked hope, happiness, and love. This trip gave the group a renewed appreciation for the comforts that we have in our lives. A comfortable home, a warm bed, and a relatively easy and indulgent life. More than that, it gave us each a new recognition of those things that we are missing, time to reflect on what is happening in our lives and enjoy those in our company. We hardly ever take the time to thank God for everything we have been blessed with and we tend to take these gifts and blessings for granted. The presence of God in our lives is not unfelt or unrecognized, but it is often unacknowledged."

~ Michael Purcell, August 2009



60th Anniversary Celebration

In 2009, thanks to the amazing collaboration of our new SCS Alumni Committee, St. Cecelia School celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a special Eucharistic celebration, a moving presentation in song and dance about the history of our school, a golf tournament at Cove Cay Country Club, a celebration of Mass at St. Cecelia Church by Msgr. Aiden Foyne and Father Bob Wiseman, and a beautiful courtyard celebration. Old friends rejoiced in seeing one another, as conversations were lively and smiles were seen everywhere. Dinner was provided by Carrabba's Restaurant and entertainment by the Kenny Jewell Band.

(right: The Lenhardt family)



"Encourage students to open their hearts to God, their minds to learning, and their talents to service..."

Alumni Awards & Honors

Spotlight on Dodd Twins

Twin sisters, Amanda Dodd Miller & Lacy Dodd, graduated from SCS in '91, CCC in '95 and Notre Dame in '99. After graduating from Notre Dame they served in the Army, completing their military service as Captains in Germany.



Congratulations

to Amanda Doran ('92), a graduate student in Medical Scientist Training, Department of Molecular Medicine at the University of Virginia. Amanda's dedication and hard work led to her receiving three prestigious awards: the 2008 Robert M. Berne Trainee Achievement Award; the Jill E. Hungerford PhD Prize in Biomedical Sciences; and the 2009 Women's Young Investigator Award. She also published two first author papers this past year.

2009-2010 Alumni Awards

Sara Sardano, Valedictorian

Nicole Marie Giovagnoli, Salutatorian, IB Program

Chelsea Tymms, Valedictorian, IB Program

Alexi Marcelle Runnels, Salutatorian, IB Program

Patrick Camporini, National Letter of Intent to play baseball for Georgetown University

Amanda Zbella and Steven Hausheer, 2010 National Merit Scholarships

Domenica Caleca, State Farm Student of the month

Megan Orr, State Farm Student of the Month

Jared Gonzalez, Student-Athlete of the Month

Claire Csenge, selected to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar.

Katelyn McGinn, received a 100-hour service pin from the Veterans Administration.

Chloe Saganowich, scholarship recipient to Notre Dame recruited as a shortstop.

Senior Zoe Lombard, selected to participate in the Senior Soccer Challenge.

Alexandra Alberdi, State Farm Student-Athlete of the month

Michael Purcell, State Farm Student of the month

A Message from the Principal

We are very pleased to be sending you our first official St. Cecelia School alumni newsletter. It has always puzzled me why a school as well established as St. Cecelia's has not had an alumni organization. So many graduates return to "touch base" with their teachers or stop by to let us know where their futures have taken them. It is always a pleasure to listen to their stories of their time here and what they are doing now. So many laugh at how anxious they were to move on in their eighth grade year and now look back at their time at SCS with fond memories and a gratefulness of the foundation they received. This newsletter is our opportunity to share some of these great stories and give you a place to reconnect with some old friends. We are one large family and with the leadership of our newly formed Alumni Organization, we hope to encourage you to reconnect.

(Mary Beth Scanlon, Principal)

"Strive to provide a strong spiritual and academic foundation so that our students can become responsible members of the Church and the community now and in the future..."



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