

# Alumni and Friends

## St. Cecelia Interparochial Catholic School

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### Alumni Spotlight on Mike Browne

Mike Browne started at St. Cecelia School with his brother Steve in the fall of 1978 when Mike was in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Mike recalls his memories at St. Cecelia School in the following paragraphs.

I remember Mom and Dad telling us that we were going to St. Cecelia School and both my brother and I were really excited. We had so many friends already at the school from St. Cecelia Church and youth soccer which was a really big sport even back then. I have so many great memories of SCS. Sister Mary Patricia Plumb was a great leader. She was empathetic, but principled and I can remember thinking at the time that those were great qualities of a leader. There was always so much going on at school during my time there. We played a lot of soccer against other schools, in P.E. with Mr. and Mrs. Vineyard and at recess every day. We had great food too! Pizza every Tuesday and Friday, cheeseburgers, you name it we had it. I loved being in the choir with Mr. Carey and all the fun mini-courses that were offered. One thing I don't miss is the wool red sweaters we wore as part of our uniform!

Two things really stick out in my mind from my time at St. Cecelia. First, we received a good foundation in math and language arts; which has really helped me throughout my schooling and business career. Second, there were so many great Clearwater families at the school that supported their children and the school community and were very kind to me. I believe that the quality education and support from families at the school gave me and other students at the school a sense of confidence, which was useful when life threw us a curveball. I am really thankful for having been able to attend such a nurturing school that also offered outstanding academic programs.

Mike went on to graduate from CCC and the University of Florida where he received a BA and a MBA and served as the UF Student Body President in 1990-91. Mike's business career started with Procter & Gamble and he has spent the last seven years with Kellogg. Mike is living now in Minneapolis with his wife Karen and daughters Kathryn and Carolyn working as Vice President of Kellogg's Target Team.



*Mike Browne '82  
Vice President,  
Target Team  
Kellogg USA*



### Annual Crusader Gallop ♦ 5K & 1 Mile Sunset Run

Saturday, March 31, 2012

Walsingham Park ♦ 12615 102nd Ave. North ♦ Largo, FL

5K begins at 4:30 PM (registration 4:00PM) Fun run 5:00 PM

Cost \$20.00

After run event; wings, hot dogs, chips and drinks, bounce house, music and more....

Please call to register 727-461-1207 or go the [www.scsfundraiser](http://www.scsfundraiser) website, print and mail in form.

**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...”*

## 8th Grade Students Giveback In Honduras

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at St. Cecelia School made a difference in the lives of the children this summer at the Farm of the Child, an orphanage and school in Trujillo, Honduras. Patrick Purcell, one of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, was privileged to help deliver 40 Spanish bibles that were generously donated by the families in his class last spring. He had the amazing opportunity to work as a missionary along with his family and a group from Espiritu Santo parish. Fr. Gilberto Quintero from St. Cecelia Church was also part of the mission group. Besides donating and distributing 175 Bibles to the children and friends in the surrounding community, the group painted, made electrical improvements for the safety of the children, and built a new playground for the school. Our school also sent many of our outdated uniforms from the used uniform store.



The Farm of the Child is located in a rural area in eastern Honduras, which is the poorest and least developed nation in Central America. The Farm exists to provide a home to orphaned and abandoned children who are suffering from malnutrition and other health problems, little or no schooling and a lack of love and attention. The long-term volunteers and missionaries, along with the children and residents of the area, were truly appreciative of the generosity of our school.

## Alumni Awards & Honors



### Weddings

William Dominic Repper III "91" was married to Jennifer Lynn Paris on November 5, 2011

### Congratulations

CCC students—Michael Purcell and Jason Owens qualified as National Merit Commended Scholars.

2011—Christiana Ford—CCC Valedictorian

2011—Karina Bach—CCC Salutatorian

2011—Christopher Adan—CCC IB Salutatorian

## Alumni in the Service

Please pray for **Patrick Walker**, he attended St. Cecelia's first grade through eighth. He is now in the Marine Corps and is being deployed to Afghanistan where he will be for the next 7 months. *Please let us know of any alumni in the service so we can pray for them—tlehan@st-cecelia.org.*

*“Encourage students to open their hearts to God, their minds to learning, and their talents to service...”*

## Important Dates

- ◆ **Open House**, Wed. Nov., 16th, 8:30 AM and 6:00 PM, AND Wed., Feb. 1st at 8:30AM
- ◆ **Alumni Thanksgiving Mass**, Nov. 18th, 8:20 AM St. Cecelia School Chapel
- ◆ **Alice In Wonderland**, January 27, 28 & 29 Get your tickets now, Call the school office to reserve a seat, 727-461-1200.
- ◆ **Grandparents Day**, January 27th
- ◆ **Christmas Program**, December 9th
- ◆ **Fish Fry & Discovery Night**, March 2nd
- ◆ **SCS Gala**, March 17th
- ◆ **Crusader 5K Gallop**, 4:30 PM/5:00 PM

## Alumni Memorial Mass

Friday, Nov. 18, 2011  
8:20 AM

All are welcome to join us to celebrate Mass in memory of deceased SCS alumni . If you have a special mass intention please call Maryanne Del Monte, 727-461-1207 or fill out the form and drop it in the mail or off at the school office.

Name of intention \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person requesting intention \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Donation of \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00

## St. Cecelia School Becomes An IB Candidate

St. Cecelia Interparochial Catholic School is a candidate school\* for the Middle Years Programme (MYP). Our school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. IB World Schools share a common philosophy-commitment to high quality, challenging, international education– that we believe is important for our students.\* Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its three academic programmes: The Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP) or the Diploma Programme (and in addition the IB Career-related Certificate). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted. For further information about the IB and its programmes visit <http://www.ibo.org>.

### A Message from the Principal

Remembering Geri Shriver...

Geri Shriver was an energetic, dedicated individual. She began at St. Cecelia School in 1976 when her children were of school age. Her first position was actually in the office as a secretary. Within a short time, a teaching position opened up and the rest is history. Literally, years and years of history (Social Studies). Mrs. Shriver challenged SCS students with her depth of knowledge in American History; the Constitution was her favorite. Our eighth grade graduates would frequently return from their first year in high school praising how much they learned and how grateful they were for a confident high school experience. Mrs. Shriver retired from teaching in 2006. She stayed active as a board officer of the St. Cecelia Alumni assisting in their first 5K run and Alumni dinner. Mrs. Shriver touched hundreds of SCS student's lives. Geri was a beloved friend of the faculty & staff. She was respected for her intellect, her work ethic and love of teaching. She was an important face in our school community and has left her mark on St. Cecelia School.

*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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St. Cecelia is looking for Class Representatives...Call 727.443.5479  
 Please visit our school website [www.st-cecelia.org](http://www.st-cecelia.org)

*How have you been? Let us know at [tlehan@st-cecelia.org](mailto:tlehan@st-cecelia.org)*

## WHAT'S NEW AT SCS?

If you have not been to the school in awhile you need to come visit. Make an appointment with Maryanne Del Monte for a quick tour. The famous blacktop area is going through some changes. Thanks to a grant we received from Tampa Bay Water in conjunction with funds from the school. New blacktop, beautiful garden and trees. Benches will be in place soon, thanks to a donation from Mrs. Mary Baralt in memory of her husband Ernie Baralt.



**Give A Gift...** to help St. Cecelia School continue its mission of providing students with an affordable Catholic education. Please consider giving a gift that makes a difference... now and forever.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (w) \_\_\_\_\_ (h) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to make a donation of \_\_\_\$25 \_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_\$200 to St. Cecelia School:

Where most needed

Alumni Scholarship Fund

Adopt a classroom (\$100)

Enclosed is my check

Please bill my credit card (Visa, AMEX, MC#) \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

My company \_\_\_\_\_ will match my gift, I will send you the forms.

Enclosed is my membership fee in the amount of \$10.00

*“CRUSADERS FOREVER! Faith, Scholarship, Athletics, Academics”*