



St. Dorothy

ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Spiritual, Academic, Moral Preparation for the 21st Century

SPRING 2013

Forensics Prepares Dot's Students for School & Beyond



Megan Cecchine and Marie Petrik deliver their duo interpretation.

Forensics competitions stretch back to ancient Greece where speaking contests were established to develop the abilities of debating and discussing that were viewed as central to democracy. St. Dorothy School is proud to continue this tradition through our forensics program. One of only nine diocesan elementary schools to field a team, our students compete as members of the Philadelphia Catholic Forensics League (PCFL) Junior Division at tournaments throughout the school year at parochial and private elementary and high schools across the diocese. Students in Grades 6 through 8 can join the team where they participate under the guidance of coach Bob Smith. Bob has been involved with the program since 1997 when his daughter, then a St.

Dorothy student, joined the team. For the past five years Bob has been on the PCFL Junior Division board.

Participation in the forensics program prepares students for life experiences beyond the competitions. Team member Megan Cecchine recently saw the benefits of her experience: "Forensics has taught me to be confident in myself. I can attribute my successful interviews for high school to my experience in forensics." "The skills they learn," explains Bob Smith, "are life skills which they can take with them and use for the rest of their lives." David Fohner, another team member agrees: "Forensics has helped me to speak to adults with ease and lose the fear of talking in front of others."

Forensics Facts

Competitions are comprised of a variety of competitive public speaking categories:

Original Oratory

Students write their own speeches and deliver them without notes.

Declamation

Students deliver, without notes, a speech given publicly by someone else.

Oral Interpretation of Poetry or Prose

Selections with literary merit are delivered with the selection in hand.

Duo Interpretation

Two students perform material from a play or a published work. Students face the audience and may not look at each other.

Extemporaneous & Impromptu Speaking

Students are given a previously unknown topic at the meet then afforded a period of preparation time to put together and deliver a speech.

Student Congress

Students debate with other students on legislative issues.

Community Shoe Drive



By Lindsey Dowd (class of 2015)

Mrs. Gallagher's sixth grade class has done a lot of good deeds for their Pay It Forward Projects. One such campaign was led by Lindsey Dowd, Erin Grady, Maggie Salmon, Mary Sullivan and Kathryn Toal. The students set up a four week shoe drive to benefit the Soles4Souls Foundation. Because of the parish's generous contributions, they exceeded their goal of collecting 1000 pairs of gently used shoes. Overall, they collected 1,014 pairs of shoes! Approximately half of the shoes went directly to underdeveloped countries for distribution and microenterprises. The rest were distributed to Mother's Home of Darby and to the following Hurricane Sandy Relief Sites: Covenant House Homeless Shelter for Children, Atlantic City Rescue Mission, The Salvation Army, and the American Red Cross. We are truly blessed to live in a community where people receive by giving!



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Newsletter purpose

The Newsletter for St. Dorothy Roman Catholic School is compiled by the Development Committee for distribution to alumni, alumni parents, current school families, and friends of St. Dorothy School. Its purpose is to communicate on a semi-annual basis the state of our enrollment, happenings of interest, accounting of funds raised and spent, and acknowledge contributors to our Annual Fund.

INTRODUCING

Bunny Habicht, 2013 Annual Fund Chair

We would like to introduce you to our 2013 Honorary Annual Fund Chairperson, Bunny Habicht. Bunny, a 1981 St. Dot's graduate (known at the time by her maiden name Currie), is the oldest of four children who were all graduated from St. Dorothy School. Bunny is also a current parent of three Dot's students: Kerrie and Kasey (Grade 5) and Jack (Grade 2). Bunny married Glenn Habicht at St. Dorothy in 1998, and she has been a member of St. Dorothy Parish for the majority of her life.

After St. Dot's, Bunny graduated from Cardinal O'Hara High School. She then received a bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's University. Bunny is employed by Wawa, Inc. She recently celebrated fifteen years with the company and is a member of the Wawa "People Team." Prior to

Wawa, Bunny worked in the banking industry for Mellon (now Citizens) Bank in both Auditing and Human Resources functions; she also served as a Bank Officer. She currently holds the certification of Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) from the Human Resources Certification Institute and is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management.

In her personal life, Bunny has also been a member of the Main Line Mothers of Multiples since 2002 and has served on the St. Dorothy Development Committee since 2007. She volunteers at St. Dorothy School as often as possible. Bunny enjoys spending time with family, baking, and shopping, and on many days, she can be seen power walking the streets of Drexel Hill.

Bunny was honored to accept the

offer to be this year's chair: "I am humbled to be representing the 2013 Annual Fund as the Honorary Chair. From the infamous 'Turkey Bowls' to the annual Opening of School and Closing of School Liturgies, to the energy and commitment shown by the school children in the annual Variety Show, this is one amazing community that I feel so blessed to be a part of. I have great passion for all that is 'St. Dot's' and I pray that my children will someday echo my sentiments."

Thanks Bunny. We appreciate your long-standing commitment to St. Dorothy Parish and School, your continued support of the Development Committee and Annual Fund, and your service as our Honorary Chair of this year's Annual Fund.



Bunny and her brothers, Jim ('83), Kevin ('87), and Pat ('84) Currie at St. Dorothy in 1981



Bunny and her children, Jack, Kerrie, and Kasey at St. Dorothy in 2013



St. Dorothy School is now on Facebook. To keep informed of upcoming school happenings, follow the link to our Facebook page at the top of the school website at www.saintdorothy.org and "like" our page.

You can now make your Annual Fund donation online. Visit the donation site via the link at the top of the school website or visit

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School



Home & School Association Update

Can you believe we are at the end of another school year? Saint Dorothy continues to be an exceptional place for our children to learn and grow. This year, our families came together for many exciting events sponsored by the Home & School Association.

To wrap up the first half of the school year, the students were treated to a spectacular Christmas laser light show followed by a pizza party. In January, Saint Dorothy School held an evening of roller skating at Marple Sports Arena as well as the Catholic Schools Week tradition of McPrincipal's Night at McDonald's. On Valentine's Day, students were treated to a healthy snack and a program dedicated to health and wellness. Heart-felt thanks go to school parent Monique Dowd for coordinating such a special program for "Be Good to Your Heart Day!" Then in March,

everyone forgot what Monique taught when the Home & School Association introduced a new fundraiser to our families: Stock's Pound Cakes. The cakes sold out in record time, and the sale was so popular we held a second sale in May!

In April, the Home & School Association sold more than 100 orders of Nelson's Barbecue! Also in April, students in Grades K to 4 hosted their grandparents and other special people in their lives. These special people were treated to a show by the students and then visited the classrooms to enjoy seeing the students' work! The year's Home & School events ended with another fun filled Spirit Day at Dermond Field!

The Home & School Association is pleased to announce that through the generous support of the Saint Dorothy's

community the seventh and eighth grade classes are fully equipped with one to one technology! Every student is using iPads on a daily basis. By September 2013, with the generous support of a matching gift from an anonymous donor, the Home & School Association will purchase iPads for the entire sixth grade as well.

As we end the school year, The Home & School Association would like to thank board members Amy Santora, Maureen Rich, Chris Heffernan, and Mary Bainbridge for all of their hard work over the past two years. Welcome to the new board members for the coming school year: Meredith Pagliaro (President), Christine Walton (Vice President), Christine Tassoni (Secretary), and Stephanie Meno (Treasurer). We shall see everyone in the Fall!



St. Dorothy's second grade partnered this school year with second and third grade students from St. Francis of Assisi School in Springfield as pen pals to give the students a fun way to communicate through traditional letter writing practice. The pen pals met in person at a picnic held at St. Dorothy School in May.

Middle States Reaccreditation

St. Dorothy School recently completed a self-study and hosted a team of educators from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

The team visited our school for two and a half days to evaluate whether the school met the twelve standards for re-accreditation. Principal Mrs. Sheehan reported that the school met all twelve standards and the team recommended re-accreditation. Formal notification of re-accreditation will be made in November 2013, after the Middle States Association reviews the school's and the visiting team's reports.

School Garden

Earth Day 2013 inaugurated a school garden. Led by school parent Mrs. Ellen Cordes who is a Master Gardener and Registered Dietitian, the first grade students are learning about gardening and nutrition while maintaining a new raised bed garden located by the school entrance. With the assistance of parents, the students will be learning to plant, grow, and harvest food.

Science Fair

Six St. Dorothy students, Thomas Andruszko, Daniel Bieter, Michael Bright, Greg Manning, Mary Sheehan, and Matthew Szkolnicki, were able to present their science fair projects at the Delaware County Science Fair. Thomas Andruszko, Daniel Bieter, Mary Sheehan, and Matthew Szkolnicki were invited to move on and competed at the Regional Science Fair. Congratulations to all participating students!



Thomas Andruszko, Michael Bright, principal Mrs. Sheehan, Greg Manning, science teacher Miss Giuliano, Mary Sheehan, and Daniel Bieter at the Delaware County Science Fair. Missing from the photo is Matthew Szkolnicki



Happenings



A Solemn and Spiritual Experience



St. Dorothy School is, first and foremost, a Catholic school. One way the school accomplishes the mission of passing on the traditions of the Catholic faith is through student participation in liturgical and para-liturgical services. For example, during Lent, students in Grades 3 through 8 attend an 8 AM Mass one day each week. Each Friday during Lent students pray the Stations of the Cross. Students in Grade 8 reenact Christ's passion and death through the Living Stations. This solemn commemoration of Christ's Passion and

death was presented to the entire parish community. The day before Easter break is a Day of Prayer & Reflection. This year, the theme was awareness of God in our daily lives. The day began with a prayer service. At various times during the day, students observed periods of silence during which they were able to reflect on the ways God is present in their lives. Students in Grades 7 and 8 also learned about Passover and took part in a Seder meal that was organized by our computer teacher, Mrs. Shari Lazarus.

Attention Business Owners – give your tax dollars to St. Dorothy School

Since 2009, St. Dorothy School has received over \$47,000 through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC). This money was used for direct tuition support for twenty-seven families needing assistance sending their children to our school. This program diverts taxes a business would normally pay to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to St. Dorothy School instead. The funds are then used as scholarships for families meeting financial criteria.

If your business is subject to one or more of the following taxes please consider participating in this program:

- Corporate Net Income Tax
- Capital Stock Franchise Tax
- Bank and Trust Company Shares Tax
- Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax

- Insurance Premiums Tax
- Mutual Thrift Institution Tax
- Insurance Company Law of 1921
- Personal Income Tax of S corporation shareholders or Partnership pa

Pennsylvania only allocates a limited amount of taxes to be diverted through this program. Last year, the funds were quickly exhausted. If you believe you may be able to participate, please quickly contact one of the people listed for additional information:

- Dennis Cirucci –
dcirucci@alliancecbk.com
- Bob Young –
rfyoung414@aol.com
- Peter McGahey –
petermgahey@mac.com or
(484-452-6023)

Eighth Grade Scholarship Award Winners

St. Dorothy School is proud to congratulate our graduating eighth graders who have been awarded scholarships:

- **Anne Marie Banes** – St. Thomas More Alumni Assoc. to Card. O'Hara HS
- **Thomas Bevilacqua** – St. Thomas More Alumni Assoc. to St. Joseph's Preparatory School
- **Megan Cecchine** – Country Day School of The Sacred Heart, Msgr. Bonner & Archbp. Prendergast Catholic HS, and St. Thomas More Alumni Assoc.
- **David Fohner** – Archbp. John Carroll HS
- **Matthew Fontana** – Msgr. Bonner & Archbp. Prendergast Catholic HS and St. Thomas More Alumni Assoc.
- **Colin Garvey** – Msgr. Bonner & Archbp. Prendergast Catholic HS
- **Patrick Kilker** – Msgr. Bonner & Archbp. Prendergast Catholic HS
- **Meghan Mac Williams** – Country Day School of The Sacred Heart, Merion Mercy Academy, and Msgr. Bonner & Archbp. Prendergast Catholic HS
- **Chiara Mancuso** – Merion Mercy Academy
- **Briana McCarty** – Msgr. Bonner & Archbp. Prendergast Catholic HS
- **Marie Petrik** – Msgr. Bonner & Archbp. Prendergast Catholic HS, and First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association
- **Ricky Pietrewicz** – Msgr. Bonner & Archbp. Prendergast Catholic HS
- **Meghan Shallow** – Card. O'Hara HS
- **Mary Sheehan** – Archbp. John Carroll HS and Card. O'Hara HS
- **Amanda Staniorski** – Country Day School of The Sacred Heart
- **Amanda Tolvaisha** – Country Day School of The Sacred Heart, Merion Mercy Academy, and Msgr. Bonner & Archbp. Prendergast Catholic HS
- **Patrick Tolvaisha** – Msgr. Bonner & Archbp. Prendergast Catholic HS



Second grade's Caitlyn, Sarah, Aly, and Kayla perform a traditional Irish reel at this year's variety show on March 15th



"You Can't Stop the Beat" with fourth grade's Emma, Emily, Julia, Marikate, Alex, Natalie, Mia, and Mya's version of the "Hairspray" hit.



Old-school rappers Billy "Abdul-Jabbar" DiRita, Kevin "Dr. J" Farren, and Thomas "Byrd" Larkin prove that "...basketball is their favorite sport."

Arts are Alive Dot's



Eighth grade's Michael Barton, Pat Kilker, Charlie Miller, and Emily Salmon took the undersea world by storm as King Neptune, Grimsby, Sebastian, and Ariel in Disney's The Little Mermaid, Jr.



Dillon Rooney brought down the house as Chef Louis supported by John, Timmy, Tommy, Dylan as his culinary crew during their Little Mermaid, Jr. performance of "Les Poissons"

directed eighth grade students as they performed the national anthem at the Atlantic-10 Women's Basketball Tournament at St. Joseph's University. He also helped prepare three of our student representatives, Tess Coary, Kaitlin Farren, and Eileen O'Toole, for the Archdiocesan Choir Festival and performance at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia in May. Mr. Mayo will be extending his music program to the summer months with a "Broadway Bound" Summer Camp, which will run from June 24th to 28th at St. Dorothy School.

St Dorothy School offers students other avenues to explore the Arts. Beginning in second grade, students are able to participate in the Children's Choir under the direction of Sr. Thomasina Marie. The choir practices once a week after school and sings at special masses and performances throughout the year, including a recent concert with other local schools held at St. Dorothy Church, to benefit the victims of Hurricane Sandy and the people affected by the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School. St. Dorothy also offers instrumental music lessons by Mr. Anthony Triplet, which include the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, snare drum, and bells. These lessons are offered weekly during the school day, and rental instruments are available for students who do not already own them. Their work throughout the year culminated with a band concert at the Spring Show in May.

The St Dorothy School Variety Show is always a student favorite and was a huge success this year. Proceeds from the show benefit St. Dorothy Family to Family Ministries. More than one hundred children performed in over 30 acts. Everyone shined that night thanks to the time and effort of school parents Mrs. Karen Burke, Mrs. Christine Schumacher, and Mrs. Colleen Wusinich.

The school play, directed by school parent Mrs. Suzanne Bruce, provides the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students with the opportunity to learn to collaborate, feel comfortable in front of an audience, and to learn to take direction. The entire Bruce Family

comes together with other school families to create these amazing performances. This year's Disney's *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*, was no exception. The students put on a spectacular show. St. Dorothy School is truly blessed to have the expertise of Mrs. Bruce, who has given her all as director for many years.

Many of our students have also been able to hone their performance skills outside of school. Numerous St. Dorothy students take part in the Catholic Community Choir's musicals throughout the year, and Patrick Sayers and Quinn McGahey were recently cast in St. Joseph's University's production of *An Enemy of the People*.

We thank the St Dorothy Community for their support of the Arts at St. Dot's and continue to look to expand opportunities for our students to further their creative expression.

Catholic Schools Week 2013



Third grade teacher Mrs. Callahan competes in the relay competition.



Some of the eighth grade ready to take on the teachers in the beach ball volleyball match.



Kindergarten teacher Miss Windle and seventh grade teacher Sister Denise Colgan doing their part at McPrincipal's Night.



Mrs. Neill's kindergarten class enjoyed a visit from the Phillie Phanatic for being a top performer in the "Be a Phanatic about Reading" program.

"Catholic Schools Raise the Standards" was the national theme for Catholic Schools Week 2013, the annual celebration of the high quality, faith-based education the nation's Catholic schools provide. The 2013 theme highlighted the recent launch of a new initiative, the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, to ensure consistent high standards at Catholic schools across the country. The St. Dorothy Catholic Schools' Week Committee planned many exciting activities this year. The celebration began on Sunday, January 20 with the 11:30 AM liturgy celebrated by Fr. Murphy. Mass was followed by an open house for all current and prospective school families to tour classrooms, meet with teachers, and view impressive fifth through eighth grades Science Fair projects.

Student Council kicked-off the activities with a school wide Spelling Bee. Tuesday evening, Principal, Mrs. Louise Sheehan, and many of our teachers showed off their customer service skills to a packed house at McPrincipal's Night at McDonald's. McDonald's donated \$600 of their sales that night to St. Dorothy School.

On Wednesday morning, faculty and staff hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Tea and provided a generous spread of breakfast treats for our parent volunteers. In the afternoon, Grades 5 through 8 participated in "beach ball volleyball." The highlight was a match-up of the faculty vs. the eighth grade, with both teams claiming victory. Students and teachers in Kindergarten through Grade 4 ended the day with a fast-paced relay competition created by physical education teacher, Miss O'Donnell.

It was obvious that Thursday was "Green and White Day" as the students sported their school colors and a lot of St. Dot's Pride. In the morning, the fourth grade hosted a thoughtful parent appreciation breakfast, and later in the day the student council organized the St. Dot's version of the popular family game show "Minute to Win It" for all grades.

As Catholic Schools' week began to wind down on Friday, our Cardinal O'Hara Prayer Partners came and read to their second grade buddies, and the Phillies Organization extended special recognition to Mrs. Neill and her Kindergarten class for their achievement in the "Be a Phanatic about Reading" program. The entire school enjoyed a spirited visit from Philly Phanatic. It's hard to imagine so much activity could all fit into one week, but many teachers and students commented that it was the best Catholic School's Week celebration they've ever experienced!

Junior Achievers at St. Dot's

By Bunny Habicht

The "City of Wilmington" was bustling at the Junior Achievement of Delaware BizTown on Monday, April 15, when the St. Dorothy fifth and sixth grades ran the city for the day. "Mayor" Joseph Kelly kicked off the day with a speech imploring the "townspeople" to understand how important it is to vote, while also speaking about of the meaning of good citizenship. After that, the "citizens" bustled about their biz-ness until 1:45 PM, when the day closed with yet another speech by the mayor who both reported on the election results as well as the winners of the awards for Citizen of the Day and the Quality Business Award. There were also closing speeches from the Rotarian about the Four-Way Test, the Attorney and the Police Officer updated the citizens on the Case of the Missing Teddy Bear, the Wellness Center CEO spoke about maintaining healthy lifestyles, the Bank Officers reported on the number of savings accounts opened that day, and finally a representative of Tidewater Utilities spoke about water conservation and protection. It was quite a busy day in this simulation of life in the business world of a major city in which the fifth and sixth grades were fortunate to participate.

Prior to this amazing class trip, each student had to participate in a panel "interview" with their teachers and the school principal, Mrs. Sheehan. After their interview, they were informed of both the role and company for which they had been selected and were provided a job description of what that role would entail. Jobs available included CFOs, CEOs, Bank Tellers, Newspaper Reporters, Ad Executives, Paramedics, Radio Station DJs, 911 Operators, Retail Clerks, Treasurers, and Records of Deeds. Some of the "businesses" represented in BizTown are Walgreens, WSFS Bank, AAA, City Hall, Tidewater Utilities, Staples, The Wellness Center, the Department of Public Works, and The



"Mayor" Joseph Kelly and his staff: Patrice Romano, Rotarian, Josh Hayes, Attorney, Anthony Magro, Treasurer

News Journal. All students took a pledge to become citizens of JA BizTown, requiring them to understand the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

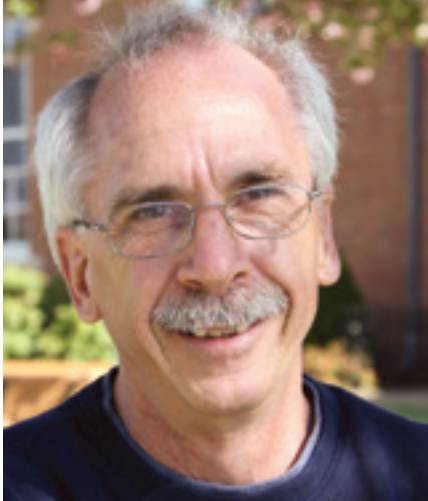
Not only did the students learn about their position and their business, they also learned about managing their own money. While at BizTown, each student opened a bank account, deposited paychecks, and spent some of their money at the local "businesses." One parent volunteer commented with a twinkle in his eye, how interesting it was to watch how the students decided to spend (or not spend!) their money. Once some students realized the price of an item or service and compared it to their budget, they passed on the purchase or the service being offered. True life lessons were certainly being realized this day!

The day was an invaluable real-life simulation of being part of the workforce that taught lessons on the economy, banking, business relations, advertising, and teamwork. The program examined the movement of goods, services, resources (human, nature, and capital), and money between people and business. By the end of the day, our students came to greatly appreciate what life is like from a business person's perspective. As a chaperone I was interested in watching the students quickly assume their character/role and come to appreciate all that makes up that role. "Mayor" Kelly told me that the mayor 'never gets a break.' Even when he/she is on break "the townspeople would find him!" When I heard that comment, at that moment, I truly felt that I was conversing with a real life mayor!

This week, I received a thank you note for my role as a chaperone thanking me for all that I had done that day. It was such a kind note, but truly, the work was done by the students. Congratulations on your participation, your hard work and great job to all who helped organize the day!

SPOTLIGHT ON..

George Buechele – Plant Manager



Whether you are asking about a Wi-Fi network to accommodate the new seventh grade iPads, trying to build a new room in the annex, formatting a spreadsheet for the Middle States evaluation report, or locating the asbestos review of the campus, you are likely to get the same response: “Ask George.”

“George” is George Buechele (known to the students as “Mr. George”), the St. Dorothy plant

manager. George joined the staff at St. Dorothy in 2009 after a 28-year career managing vehicle maintenance in Southeastern Pennsylvania for the US Postal Service. This career certainly prepared him for St. Dorothy for as school principal Mrs. Sheehan explains, George contradicts the old adage by being a jack of all trades and master of all. “There is nothing he cannot do,” explains Mrs. Sheehan, “and because of his expertise in so many areas, he has saved the school and parish a lot of money.”

In particular, George’s expertise in the area of technology has made a huge difference for the school. Over the last several years he has orchestrated the incorporation of all the new interactive white boards and iPads by establishing secure and safe networks to allow our students to integrate the Internet into their classrooms.

During Lent, the parish and school communities benefited from George’s talents, which were on display at the Living Stations presented by the eighth grade. George put the recorded music on Mrs. Sheehan’s iPad so it

could be playing during the service, found a way to simulate thunder and lightning during the crucifixion, and created the cross shadows used to depict the thieves on either side of the crucified Christ. As the Living Stations congregation can attest, George’s perfectionist nature ensures that all work in which he is engaged is exceptionally well done.

Although George’s knowledge and expertise in so many areas make him a special individual, an outstanding characteristic of his is the generosity with which he provides help. No matter how busy George is (and St. Dorothy keeps him VERY busy), he always and graciously says “yes.”

George and his wife of 36 years, parish secretary Karen Buechele, reside in Springfield and are members of St. Francis of Assisi parish. They have three grown daughters, Stacy, Jackie, and Jessie.

The next time you see George on campus be sure to say “hello” and thank him for his wonderful service to our community.

Madeline Scepanisky – Alumni

Saint Dorothy School is excited to have one of our own, Madeline Scepanisky (Class of 2008), selected to be a 2013 Philadelphia Phillies Ballgirl. Madeline, a former St. Dorothy CYO softball player and current sports management major at Drexel University, began her journey by last autumn by submitting a video to the Phillies, introducing herself, outlining her softball experience, and explaining why she wanted to be a Ballgirl. She was one of 35 candidates invited to Citizens Bank Park for intense tryouts that judged softball skills, baseball knowledge, and interpersonal skills. The physical skills tests included time in the batting cages and defensive fielding. She also took a written test on the history of the Phillies and participated in an on-camera interview

with a reporter. Seventeen women, including Madeline, were then invited back for interviews. Madeline was one of only nine rookie Ballgirls invited to join the 2013 roster.

“The experience as a Phillies Ballgirl has truly been amazing from day one of applying,” explains Madeline. “Working different events in and out of Citizens Bank Park has given me an amazing opportunity to interact with Phillies fans and get to know the organization.” On her first day working the third base line, Madeline was able to give her first foul ball to a two year old. “Nothing can compare to the feeling I felt watching him gaze at the precious souvenir cupped in both hands for the four innings that followed. I feel truly blessed to be a 2013 Phillies Ballgirl,



and I can’t wait for what I anticipate to be the best experience in my life this summer!”

Keep your eyes alert for Madeline the next time you’re at Citizens Bank Park, and join us in wishing her the best in this exciting endeavor.

In the Words of Our Students...

Back by popular demand, we present excerpts from our 2013 student newspaper, *The Dotument*.

Sisters of Mercy

By Megan Cecchine

The Sisters of Mercy have been an active part of St. Dorothy's School for many years. Sister Denise teaches 7th grade ELA and Religion, Sister Thomasina conducts our beautiful children's and adults' choirs, Sister Alice works meticulously preparing St. Dot's students to receive the sacraments, Sister Elizabeth is the school's merry

librarian, and Sister Mary is the very competent business manager for the parish, and thus, the school. Each sister works hard in her ministry, and that is how the sisters see their work: as ministries and not just jobs. "It is very important for us to serve others", says Sr. Elizabeth. "Being a Sister of Mercy means being a servant of God by serving others."

Twinning

By Amanda Staniorski, Emily Tecco, Pat Kilker, and Mike Barton

Would you want a twin?" According to about 50% of Saint Dot's that answer would be yes. In all, there are ten sets of twins currently enrolled in our school. 7th graders, Holly and Madison U. say that, "It is nice to have a twin because you help each other out." However, 8th graders, Amanda and Pat T. say, "The only good thing about having a twin is catching up with school work." When questioned if they went together like "peanut butter and jelly", 1st grader Ricky L., who has a twin named Maria said, "I don't know, but I eat peanut butter and jelly!" So no matter what your opinion on being a twin is, having a pair around sometimes can be pretty amusing!



Varsity Soccer Wins Championship!

By: Briana McCarty (Class of 2013)

Jogging around the Bonner baseball field on November 4, 2013, the St. Dorothy Varsity Soccer team warmed up for the most important game of their season – the Region 25 championship match against St. Bernadette. They passed back and forth, anxiety and excitement building inside. They knew this was a once in a lifetime opportunity, and reached to make it one of the most memorable nights they would have at St. Dot's. They gathered in a huddle, adrenaline pumping, knowing it was time to bring everything they had practiced for all season.

Taking shots at the net or passing

the width of the field, the players warmed up. As they stared at the opponent they were soon to play, they knew they wanted it more. They would not show mercy, they would play their hearts out. As coach Ed Miller called out the starting positions, excitement outgrew nerves. Coaches Mark McCarty, Brendan Smith, and Bob Smith knew they had prepared their players to win, but it would be the amount of heart their players put in that would bring them home a victory. The players knew they had it in them, and they were anxious to give it their all.

Moments such as this, are ones that

aren't easily forgotten. They ran onto the field, closer as a team than ever before. They took their positions and the whistle blew. And from the moment that whistle blew, it was all or nothing.

Matt Swanick, one of St. Dot's leading scorers, pulled through in the first half, delivering a confidence boosting goal. They knew if they could score one, another one was sure to come. The score at half time was 1-0 St. Dot's, and they knew they couldn't get too comfortable with a one point lead. They started the second half with a vengeance. Every 50/50 ball was theirs. Matt Swanick again prevailed with a second goal. They knew though that in order to win, they had to keep playing as hard as they were. Pat Kilker, for instance, obviously had his mind set on bringing a championship home, because he sealed the fate. He, also one of St. Dot's leading scorers, scored the third goal of the game. As the game went on from there, they knew that they done it. St. Dot's had brought home their third varsity soccer championship.

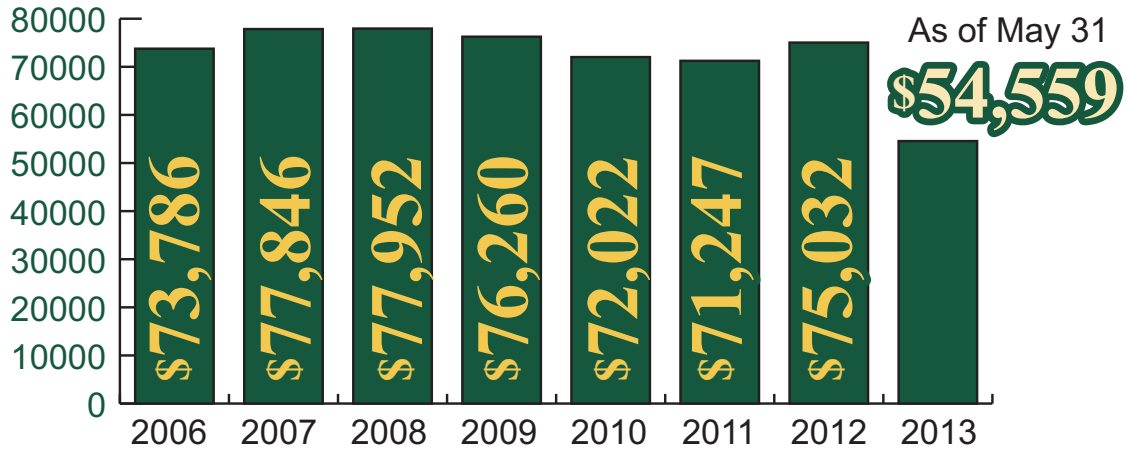


2013 Annual Fund Update

The 2013 Annual Fund campaign began during Catholic Schools Week, and since then more than \$54,500 has been collected. Thank you to all of our donors.

Annual Fund proceeds help keep tuition costs down and enhance our children's educational experience. We still have far to go to meet our goal, and the campaign closes soon. If you have not yet donated, please consider using the enclosed envelope to make your contribution. Or try our new online donation tool, which can be accessed from the school website.

All donations to the Annual Fund are tax deductible, and many employers will match donations to the school.



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