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Pink Socks

By Alec Funchion, Grade 6

when we heard that Mrs. Gallagher, our 6th grade teacher, would not be returning this school year because she had been diagnosed with breast cancer, we were all a bit sad and scared. Our class started going to benediction on Monday nights to pray for her. Sometimes it's hard for everyone to get there because of homework or sports practices but we tried our best.

Every year on Thanksgiving Day, St. Dorothy's Varsity and JV football teams play St. Bernadette's in the "Turkey Bowl." This game is a big deal and has been going on for more than 50 years. I thought it would be a good idea for the team to wear pink socks to show their support for Mrs. Gallagher. Professional players sometimes use pink bats or batting gloves, and, in football, the players have worn pink arm bands.

There were a few things we had to do:

- 1) get permission from our coach
- 2) ask our parents to buy the pink socks.

Our coach Mr. McNeill was 100% behind the idea and our parents were happy to purchase the socks.

At the Bon Fire the night before the Turkey Bowl, we dedicated the game to Mrs. Gallagher. On Thanksgiving,



she came to the game and we presented her with flowers. Mrs. Gallagher was very happy to see us wearing our pink socks and she told us she was proud of us. She also told us, "Real men

wear pink!"

It was really cool to see so many people coming together as a community in support of Mrs. Gallagher. I am so thankful to be a part of St. Dorothy.



Carly Knowlton as St. Germaine Cousin

The Saints Go Marching In

ovember, 2009 was the 8th year that St. Dorothy's 2nd graders participated in the All Saints Prayer Service. Witnessed by the entire student body, as well as parents, relatives, and friends, each 2nd grader processed down the center aisle of Church dressed as a chosen Saint. Each student memorized and bravely discussed a brief synopsis of his/her chosen saint's biography to the entire congregation.

Involving the students in this type of

liturgical celebration is one way in which their understanding of Jesus' message of love is deepened. Through learning about the lives of saints, the children become aware of the concepts of service and sacrifice.

As the children prepare to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist, they are guided to emulate individuals whose lives model the Gospel message. Their involvement in the All Saints' Prayer Service provides examples of such individuals

One Phenomenal Principal

ouise Sheehan is the principal of Saint Dorothy School. ■ During her tenure, she has worked tirelessly at keeping the school's reputation stellar. She has accomplished this by keep-

Principal Louise Sheehan

ing programs on the cutting edge. She has a knack for identifying the strengths of those on her faculty and then encouraging each teacher to use that talent for the benefit of the learners.

In October, she was recognized by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with the "Distinguished Principal" award. She was only one of a few principals in the Archdiocese to be recognized.

Results of this kind of

empowerment are the school sponsored Global Warming Conference, the Shakespeare Club and participation in The Stock Market Game. A high priority is placed on engaging students in the learning process. Within classrooms students feel free to take educational risks knowing that they will be supported by their teachers.

Lessons observed were anchored in relevant, real-life experiences that allowed for increased rigor. Students show great familiarity with using graphic organizers, working in groups, comparing and contrasting, just to name a few of the strategies of Robert Marzano that are in play.

This principal has plans for the healthy future for her school, learning tactics from CHILD to promote sustainability. Over all this is the mantle of Catholic Identity. Signs and symbols of the

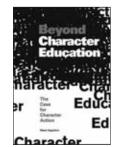
faith are visible throughout the school. Relationships are Christ centered and at the heart of these is Louise Sheehan, motivating all to respect and care for one another.

Character In Action

hat is character? Webster defines character as "a distinctive trait, quality or attribute ... moral strength, self-discipline." We at St. Dorothy School provide a rich, challenging academic

environment for our students. In addition we expect and encourage our students to develop character traits which reflect upon their Catholic heritage.

In the past, we have used lecture-based character education programs. Those programs, however, failed to provide a process in which students could reflect on and



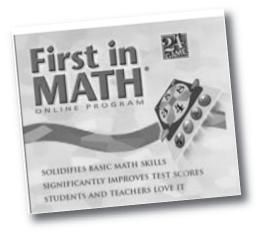
apply good character traits to their daily lives.

After reading Mawi Asgedom's book Beyond Character Education, we implemented his idea of challenging students to

reflect on the ways in which they apply their character traits in their daily interactions. Every First Friday, prior to attending Mass, the students journal on how they have lived as people of character during the past month. Following their journaling, they meet in groups with their peers and discuss their application of character.

This program has reaped benefits. We find students going out of their way to provide service to teachers, parents and students. This response leads us to proudly state, "St. Dorothy School Students are People of Character!"





Online Math Program

St. Dorothy students in grades 5-8 are currently participating in "First in Math," an online math program that is designed to improve students' math skills.

Students are required to spend 15 minutes a night work-

ing on "First in Math" and their progress is charted on a weekly basis. The top ten students and teams in the school are recognized each week.

This program has generated much enthusiasm and excitement for all involved.

Book Challenge

All students in grades K-8 have been challenged to read 40 books during the 2009-2010 school year! Think that's too many??? Our students are demonstrating otherwise. Many of our students in grades K-4 and several of those in grades 7 and 8 had already read 40 books at the ½ way point of the school year!

After reading *The Book Whisperer* by Donnalyn Miller, the principal and faculty members decided to require students to read 40 books of various genres as a way to help them find pleasure in reading, expand their vocabulary and improve their reading comprehension. The teachers began by introducing and reviewing different genres; assigning a specific number for completion.

The students are required to record and report on their books. Some students write summaries and others blog via in-class blog sites. Below are quotes about this 40 book requirement from some of our students:

"Makes us stronger readers. I like to read but I noted my vocabulary has developed a lot because of the variety of genres I have read."

Brittany Ward, grade 8

"This is a great experience. It helped me appreciate reading more than I did before. I was pushed to read more and I realized how much fun it is."

Angie Bruce, grade 8

"I've always liked reading and when I heard about the 40 book requirement, I was excited. It motivated me to read more because last year I read only a few books."

Jackie Marshall, grade 8





Spanish Introduced as Part of 5th and 6th Grade Curriculum

Hablas espanol? St. Dorothy School 5th & 6th graders can!

With the opening of the 2009 school year in September, students in grades 5 & 6 began the study of Spanish as part of their curriculum. Not only are the students learning the language but they are also learning about the people, food, music and culture of many Spanish-speaking countries.

This course of study will enhance students' overall educational experience and it will give them a deeper understanding and respect for another culture.

The Year of the Priest

By: Christopher Manning - Grade 8

id you know that 2010 is the Year of the Priest? When I think of priesthood, two words come to my mind: sacrifice and dedication. Priests are ordinary people just like you and me, but what distinguishes them is the special connection they share with God. They have dedicated their lives to the service of God and sacrifice in ways that we do not. They have opened their hearts and minds to God and have answered His call.

In today's secular society, where religion is often deemed

unimportant, priests are a beacon of our faith and a sign to the world that we, as Catholics, are a strong, unified community of believers.

In the Year of the Priest, we should honor these dedicated men, pray that many more men will



hear God's call to the vocation of the priesthood and thank them for bringing all of us closer to God.

Keeping St. Dorothy School Sustainable and Viable For Years To Come.

ecognizing the challenges facing Catholic education today and the importance of providing our children with a faith based, rigorous academic environment that will allow them to be critical, creative and moral thinkers as they enter the 21st century, Father Michael Murphy, pastor of St. Dorothy Parish, and Mrs. Louise Sheehan, principal of St. Dorothy School, are participating in the Leadership Initiative sponsored by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Churchill Institute on Leadership and Development. This two-year program will serve as a guide for building a realistic and strategic plan for future success, including a strong foundation in effective governance, financial stability and solid academic results. There are six critical, interdependent components for school success -Capacity Building, Catholic Identity, Governance, Advancement, Finance and Enrollment, Academic Enrichment and Professional Development.



We have already begun to reach out to current school parents, parishioners, leaders in education, business, and religion to partner with us in the planning of our future.

We have begun by rewriting our Mission Statement. The next step is to work on our vision statements and establishing task forces that will gather information that is necessary to develop a 5-year strategic plan.

Our school children are our highest priority. We believe we can best serve them by maintaining and enhancing the strengths of our school and by making sure we graduate students with strong moral character and the skills necessary to meet the demands of a global community. Please share your news with us, so we can share St. Dot's news with you!

Email us at: stdotsalumni@yahoo.com with address changes, questions or any newsworthy information.

St. Dorothy

ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Enrollment Up 5%

Compiled by: Mrs. Louise Sheehan & Bob Young

tuition stability, consistent marketing of the school and enhancements to the curriculum including Latin, Spanish and Smart Classrooms, we are pleased to report that enrollment has increased by 17 students this year. This net increase is equal to that in 2008 when a local grade school was forced to close it's doors. This organic growth is a direct result of our school's value and Catholic identity in our area. A highly skilled administrative and teaching staff, a strong curriculum,

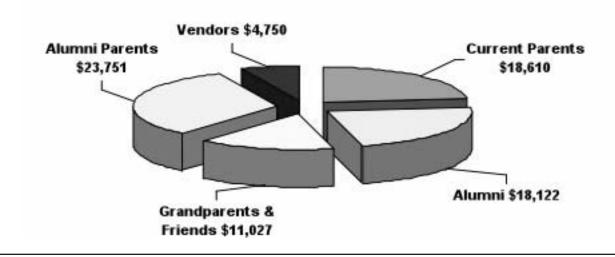
positive word of mouth and the value of a St. Dorothy's education have all contributed. With larger class sizes in K-4 and the graduation of smaller classes in grades 5-8, our future projections are for consistent growth. The addition of students at the 6th grade level has improved upper grade numbers, adding six(6) new students to this class, from 33 in 5th grade in '08 to 39 in 2009. The growth of our enrollment was an early goal of the Development Committee and we are pleased with the success in this area.

Enrollment Numbers from the Opening of School		
	2008	2009
K	37	34
1	48	49
2	41	50
3	34	44
4	43	35
5	33	45
6	50	39
7	33	49
8	41	32
	360	377

2009 Annual Fund Donation Dollars by Category

On June 30, 2009, the Development Committee concluded another successful Annual Fund. With donations from Alumni, Current and Past School Parents, Vendors, Friends and Grandparents, we raised \$76,260 for St. Dorothy School. We want to thank everyone for their continued support of St. Dot's. The largest single por-

tion of the fund goes towards tuition stability to maintain enrollment, and this year, improving the educational experience of our children through the addition of SmartBoard Technology in four of our classrooms. Since the fund's inception in 2006, we have raised over \$300,000 through the Annual Fund. Our school children thank you!



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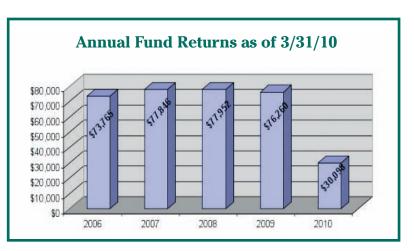
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The Annual Fund closes June 30th. A donation envelope has been included with this edition of the newsletter. Your generous support helps keep tuition costs down in order to enrich the educational experience for our children. All donations to the St. Dorothy School Annual Fund are tax deductible. Please consider a donation towards the 2010 Annual Fund.



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