



DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

St. Dorothy

ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Welcome to the second issue of the St. Dorothy School Development Committee Newsletter! St. Dorothy School is on the move, thanks to your support and to the great work of our teachers, principal, pastor, students and many volunteers in our parish community. In this issue of the Newsletter, you'll read about some of the latest school news. We added a second Kindergarten class last year and our enrollments are not only stable but growing. A healthy, increasing enrollment is a remarkable achievement in these challenging times for Catholic schools. With your continued support, future generations of students will be able to learn and grow in a vibrant Catholic school setting. St. Dorothy School takes great pride in our academic programs and our commitment to the Catholic faith. Your support is making a difference!

Thank you,
The St. Dorothy School Development Committee



ALUMNI REUNION HELD AT ST. DOT'S

Thanks to all who came from far and near to attend our 25th reunion on Friday, November 24, 2006. We had a great turnout of about 50 people. A good time was had by all, but we really missed those of you who couldn't be there to share in the festivities! We shared lots of memories that night, and had fun guessing who was who in the class pictures from each of our 8 years at St. Dorothy School. Here are some fun facts about our class:

Geography: We live in 7 states. Our farthest graduate currently lives in Girdwood, Alaska! Twenty-four of us still live in either Drexel Hill, Havertown or Springfield.

Professions: Included in our class are 4 attorneys, a surgeon, a pilot, a private investigator, an interior designer, 4 entrepreneurs, 3 teachers, a Federal Agent, a secretary, a chef, an x-ray technician, 2 financial officers, an accountant, several sales reps, various line managers and many "household engineers."

Personal: The classmates that have been married the longest have been married for 17 years. We also have an inter-class couple that has been married for 13 "glorious" years. We collectively have 86 children, including 3 sets of twins. (Note: Some additional future St. Dots alums were "en route" at the time of the reunion.) Six of us are currently St. Dorothy Parishioners.

Our class has held reunions at 10, 15, 20 and 25 years. We look forward to our 30th Reunion!

– Bunny Currie Habicht '81

Is your class having a reunion?
Send your class notes to StDorothyAlumni@yahoo.com

STUDENT PROFILE

MAGGIE LAMB, CLASS OF 2007

As I am getting ready to graduate from St Dot's, I think about all the things I have done during my nine years here. I have participated in many spiritual, academic, and extracurricular activities, including choir, community service, Locks of Love, forensics and the school play. I have also played field hockey, basketball and softball since fifth grade. The skills my coaches taught me on the field are nothing compared to what they taught me as a person – to always do the best for yourself and for the team, sportsmanship, and how to win or lose gracefully. I will really miss my coaches, teachers and coordinators when I leave St Dot's. Through all of these activities I am taught to not only respect other students, but coaches and coordinators as well. I will take of all this with me after I graduate.



10th ANNIVERSARY

Join us for the 10th annual St. Dot's Challenge 5K Race and family fun run on June 2nd at 9 AM. The St. Dot's Challenge was established to support parish families in need and in memory of beloved parishioner, John Pickhaver. "Pick" and his wife, Nancy, have four children who have graduated from St. Dot's. The oldest, Kelly, has been a track coach at Dot's for the past 4 years.

For more information or to register, visit www.stdotschallenge.com

OKTOBERFEST FAIR AT ST. DOT'S ~ FUN FOR ALL ~

The 2nd Annual Oktoberfest to benefit Saint Dorothy's Parish was a booming and dry success! The Fair was held from October 10-15 in the school parking lot. This year's excitement was enhanced with the addition of a family bingo night, two nights of adult bingo, a great DJ, and a chance to win a plasma TV. The Saint Dorothy Parish pride was evident in the outpouring from family and business sponsorship. It is clear that Saint Dorothy parishioners and alumni recognize the importance of showing our youth the value of community.

The Oktoberfest was not only a financial success, raising over \$62,000, the cooperative spirit this event produces is priceless. Volunteers of all ages come together to support the fair. New friends are made and old friends reunite during a week full of entertainment.

The profits help with the ever-increasing costs of educational, technological and cultural improvements for the parish and school. The updates to the school are immediate and continually enhance the educational experience of the students at Saint Dorothy's.

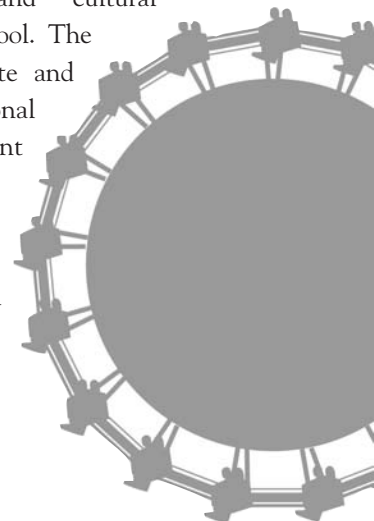
Thanks to all who helped make the 2006 Oktoberfest a success! We look forward to seeing you at the 3rd Annual Oktoberfest scheduled for October 9-14, 2007!

SPORTS CORNER

St. Dorothy's sponsors many teams in 10 different sports for boys and girls. One of the highlights of this school year was the JV Boys Basketball championship. The team finished their season with a 14-2 record in their league and went on to win the Region 25 Championship with a thrilling 35-32 win over St. Kevin's who went into the game undefeated in the region.



Congratulations to the players – 6th graders Justin Ascareggi, Pete Barton, Joey DeMaio, Christopher Goggin, Tom Porth, Tommy Levy, Alex Host, Robert Murphy, Zach Long, Mark Onimus, Matt Spaventa, and 5th graders Jake Callahan, Danny Dwyer, and Brian Rogers. One of the coaches of the team is our 8th grade teacher, Mr. John McCauley.



ALUMNI PROFILE



JIM STEWART, CLASS OF '57

We are fortunate to have Jim Stewart serve as this year's Honorary Alumni Chairman of the St. Dorothy School Annual Fund. Of course, volunteering at St. Dot's is nothing new to Jim. For over forty years, "Stew" has been head coach of the St. Dot's C.Y.O. varsity football team, guiding them to several championship seasons and hundreds of victories. More importantly however, through his example, dedication and leadership, Jim has reinforced in generations of players the Christian values which the teachers of St. Dorothy School helped instill.

Jim Stewart graduated from St. Dot's in 1957. For the last 36 years, he has dedicated himself to educating young men at Malvern Preparatory School. Last year, Jim was appointed President of the school by Malvern's Board of Trustees.

Jim has been recognized several times for his commitment to educating and coaching young men. He is a member of the Monsignor Bonner Hall of Fame and in 2003 Jim was elected to the C.Y.O. Hall of Fame. Stew gives credit to St. Dorothy School, "My career as an educator and coach of young men has its origins in the classrooms and corridors of St. Dot's where the values my parents taught me were reinforced."

PRINCIPAL & TEACHERS

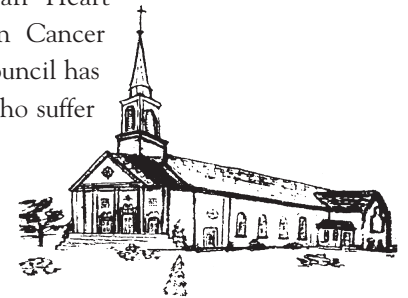
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A key component of the mission of St. Dorothy School is to guide our students in applying the Gospel message to their daily lives. One way we accomplish this is by emphasizing the importance of service to others, and, I am happy to report, our students demonstrate this concept in a variety of ways.

For the past two years one of our students organized a *Locks for Love* assembly and several of our students donated their hair to be used in wigs for cancer patients. Our 7th & 8th grade Service Corps provides help to others in many ways, including fall and spring outdoor clean-up for St. Dorothy parishioners who are unable to complete the task, and inviting residents of Don Guanella to the school for a day of food, fun, and games.

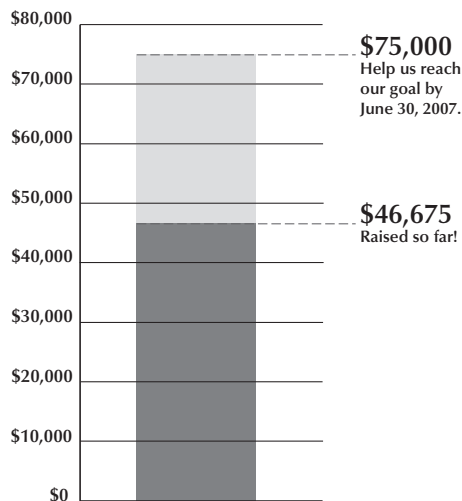
Our 8th grade Student Council's operational theme is "service" and they are always seeking ways to help individuals and groups who are in need. This year they raised funds for the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society. In the past, Student Council has provided help to parishioners who suffer from debilitating diseases.

Our students are learning that true happiness comes when we put others first.



Sincerely,
Louise Sheehan
Principal, St. Dorothy School

ANNUAL FUND



PLEASE SUPPORT THE ST. DOROTHY SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

The 2007 Annual Fund is in full swing. Alumni, school families, grandparents, alumni parents, vendors and friends, have donated over **\$46,675 towards our goal of \$75,000**. Thanks to all who have contributed so far!

The Annual Fund ends on June 30, 2007. If you have not already contributed, please consider joining all those who already have. An Annual Fund envelope is included in this newsletter.

Your generous support is greatly appreciated. And remember all contributions to the Annual Fund are tax-deductible and will support St. Dorothy School, helping to keep tuition costs down and enriching the educational experience for the children.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS FACULTY FOCUS — READING!

It was during recess last week that the conversation swung around to the busy schedules that our kids manage. One young lady remarked that Wednesdays are her favorite — “that day is free!” Play practice, softball, lacrosse, baseball, track, dance, cheerleading; it’s these after-school commitments that serve, no doubt, as socially enriching activities, but also present challenges to making our kids active readers. Between meeting their busy schedules and doing homework, kids are challenged to find time to enjoy reading. It will take collaboration between teachers and parents to meet the challenge to improve reading skills.

Understanding that reading as a leisure time activity faces stiff competition, the teachers, under Mrs. Sheehan’s direction, have put an increased emphasis on reading in class. St. Dorothy’s teachers have long used Sustained Silent Reading, (SSR), “Read Alouds” and balanced reading selections as vehicles to teach reading. Enhanced classroom technology has also provided access to other resources from which to teach.

In an effort to improve reading skills and heighten critical thinking, an increased focus on strategies through each grade level has been put in place. Faculty have met to collaborate on skills improvement in all content areas. Recognizing elements such as plot, theme, character, setting, etc., and awareness of cause and effect, comparing and contrasting are outcomes that the teachers are emphasizing.

The expression “reading is a great pastime” seems passé, kids seem to have no time to pass. Finding time and establishing a home library in a child’s room can be a good start.

EMAIL US YOUR NEWS

If you have any news to share in a future edition of the Newsletter, please email it to StDorothyAlumni@yahoo.com.

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