

SANT BANI School Notes



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Sant Bani School Notes is published monthly during the school year to share news of the school community. The School Notes are edited by Arlene Taranow with contributions from staff and friends, and with help from the Parent Committee. The Parent Committee supports the school through fund raising and by serving as a sounding board for parent concerns. Meetings are held monthly during the school year; all are welcome to attend.

- December 5-** Senior Presentations 6 p.m.
- December 10-** Math Meet at Gilford
- December 11-13-** High School Play Production
- December 15-** English Department Christmas Tea
- December 17-** Lower Building Performance
- December 22-January 2-** Christmas Break
- January 5-** School Resumes
- January 10-** Board of Directors Meeting
- January 12-** All School Geography Bee Final
- January 14-** Math Meet at Sant Bani
- January 16-** End of First Semester
- January 19-** Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
- January 21-** General Parent Meeting at 7PM
- January 22-** Family Writing Night
- January 29-** Parent Conferences - School out at Noon

December 11*
Citrus Sale Delivery
on or about*

Parent Committee Notes

— Emily Galvin

Greetings everyone! Here come the holidays! While we wish we were able to snuggle up with a cup of hot chocolate, many of us are going to be running around in the cold trying to take care of our holiday shopping and errands. Here are a few suggestions to give you a moment or two with that toasty treat and avoid the hustle and bustle. The Sant Bani Holiday Catalog has been sent out, and there are many beautiful gift items to choose from. Shop early as quantities are limited. Also, don't forget to sign up and do your online shopping through boxtops4education.com. There are nearly 100 online stores that participate, including L.L. Bean, Best Buy, Target, JC Penney, Sears, Harry & David, Dell computers, and many more. Keep on saving those box tops as well...they really add up!

Carry In - Carry Out was a BIG success! After speaking to a few teachers regarding the new carry in-carry out day each week, they are amazed at how much trash is generated in a class each day. I heard reports that 1 full bag of trash is coming from each classroom every single day...most of which is lunch related. Please try to scale back on pre-packaged foods, and be aware about the products that you buy. Recycle containers, use a stainless steel water bottle, wrap a sandwich in cloth...be creative!

Thank you all for your outstanding efforts with the Citrus Sale fund raiser! We don't have the final results in yet, but we're so thankful to all of you for taking the time to support both this and the Holiday Catalog.

We are working hard to organize our Class Representative positions. Many of you may have received phone calls reminding you about the citrus sale, and we'd like to apologize if you received more than one call. There are still a few things we need to work on, but we're trying. We hope you all feel comfortable contacting your Class Rep if you have any questions. Take a moment to let any Parent Committee member know if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Last but not least, we would like to take a moment to address the opportunity to volunteer. Many of you sent back the forms regarding events that you were interested in helping out with. We do find that quite often we are being approached with people saying they would have loved to have helped out with an event, but never received a phone call. Please don't hesitate for a moment to give someone a call or approach us with that offer. We don't want you feeling that you can't participate...believe us when we say we can use all the help we can get. There are lots of upcoming opportunities to help!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

—Hillary Pincoske

This year the Sant Bani School is listed as an official Toys for Tots drop off location. The donation box is located near the front entrance of the school and can be filled with new, unwrapped toys for children in need this holiday season. Tell your friends and neighbors to get involved and offer to bring their donations in as well.

The Toys for Tots foundation is also looking for volunteers to help in their warehouse sorting gifts throughout the month of December. The warehouse is located in Londonderry and families are welcome to participate as long as you can sort toys by age group. The contact person to volunteer is SSgt Richard J. Johnston – phone 537-8125 or email richard.j.johnston@usmc.mil.

First Grade Service

The first grade class brainstormed about what they might like to do for their service project this year. They decided they wanted to help families that were less fortunate than they are. They came up with many different places they would like to visit and several different groups of people they wanted to target.

For the winter, they wanted to make sure kids were warm. They will be collecting new hats and mittens for children at the Head Start in Franklin. There are 34 kids, 16 boys and 18 girls, between the ages of 3-5. If your family would like to bring something in, the first graders will keep a graph of what they receive and deliver them mid December before our Holiday break. You can drop them off at the Middle Building or directly to the first grade class.

Thanks for your help.

Coffee Fundraiser

—Sherry Bogacz

For several years now, Cafe Monte Alto has allowed us to purchase their wonderful coffee at wholesale prices so we can sell it to you for the same price you would pay for premium coffee anywhere and \$3.00 from every bag sold goes directly to the Sant Bani Financial Aid Fund.

Place your order today! It's Easy!

Choose from the following options:

Regular Roast - \$ 9.00 / 16 oz. bag

Dark Roast (This is REALLY high test!) - \$ 9.00 / 14 oz. bag

Decaf: - \$ 10.00 / 16 oz. bag

Indicate if you prefer whole beans or ground. Give your order/payment to Roxanne in the middle building. The orders go to Cafe Monte Alto at the beginning of each month and the coffee is delivered to the school for pick-up.

Book Discussion Group

Hot, Flat and Crowded

by Thomas L. Friedman

December 4

—Arlene Taranow

This book discussion group is open to Sant Bani parents and other adults in neighboring communities. We'll discuss *Hot, Flat and Crowded* by Thomas L. Friedman on December 4. Our goal to experience a variety of genre, so bring your ideas and book suggestions so we can round out the picks for this year's book discussions. This is a great opportunity to read and discuss new books and authors. No previous experience necessary!

Please RSVP to Arlene Taranow by December 2. Dessert and coffee/tea will be provided.

Sant Bani School Holds Mock Election and Debate

—Rose Marie Marinace

Three students from Sant Bani School, under teacher advice, planned and ran a mock debate and election on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, the day the nation voted for our next president.

Deanna MacNaughton, 9th grade, Ben Verville, 9th grade, and Reyna Pollak, 8th grade, teamed up with social studies teachers Lorraine Jones and Rose Marie Marinace for the event.

During the months of September and October, the three students met twice a week to gather information from Barack Obama's and John McCain's web sites, congressional voting records, and newspaper articles to prepare for the debate. They decorated posters, which outlined each candidate's stance on a variety of issues including the economy, the war in Iraq, immigration, education and social issues such as abortion and gay marriage.

All students in grades 7-12 were asked to submit questions for the candidates to be used in the debate held on election day. MacNaughton, representing Obama, and Verville, representing McCain, researched the candidates' answers. Questions used in the debate were chosen in order to have representation from the school population 7-12, and the ability of the students to find answers for the questions put to them.

On Tuesday morning, all students in those grades gathered in the Sant Bani School Studio to pose their questions and hear the answers. Each "candidate" had two minutes to respond and each "opponent" had two minutes for rebuttal. Students in the audience applauded at the end of each 4-minute segment, and although it was clear that there were dissenting views among the crowd on different issues the entire student body remained respectful throughout the period.

After the debate, ballots were distributed, and the votes were counted. Barack Obama earned 46 votes and John McCain garnered 6 votes.

Skungpoomery

—Craig Jaster

December 11, 12 & 13

Skungpoomery ...is the art of making up new words—and then creating meanings for them, and it's the title of this year's December high school play production, directed by Performing Arts Department Head, Craig Jaster.

Skungpoomery is all in a day's work—or play, rather—for pyjama-clad Faz and his feeble-minded assistant, Twoo (played by Andrés Orr and Dylan Dinger). Soon they are joined by Mrs. Humbottom (Rachel McCarthy), to the horror of Mr. Humbottom (Caleb Jaster). As the notorious Pyjama Gang *poom* and *prannock* all over town, they are pursued by the local constabulary, Inspector Snatchem (Deanna MacNaughton), Officer Bunkett (Adison Lintner), and the long-suffering Sergeant Stuff (Nate Houran), to say nothing of poor young Officer Wibble (Ben Pollak), whose Mum (Angela Humphrey) has sent him off to work in short pants and a bow tie (how embarrassing!).

The play, written by English clowning genius Ken Campbell, is loads of fun, full of the exhilarating spirit of anarchy that makes childhood fun (and we adults a big bore).

In coming weeks the cast will workshop with two clowning experts Mark Jaster and his wife and partner Sabrina Mandell. Both work with the Clown Care Unit of the Big Apple Circus, as well as run their own theatre company in Washington, D.C., and Mark studied and worked with the great Marcel Marceau and his teacher, Etienne Decroux.

Don't miss this show, and it's a good one for younger children; guaranteed to have them *shnankfernurbling* out of the theatre. Performances are December 11, 12 & 13 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$5/\$2 for students and elders. Call the school for reservations.

Family Writing Night
January 22!

Junior High Field Hockey

—Andrea Burns

This season of Middle School Field Hockey was successful in many ways.

One highlight was the team's service project. The team members made many delicious items and held two bake sales, earning \$120 for Sanbornton's food pantry called First Fruits. This very successful fundraising effort was indicative of how well they worked together, and what a strong group they were.

The eight 8th grade girls were strong leaders for the other team members. They set a standard of excellent play that caused the new players to improve much more quickly than usual. They were also very supportive and kind to the younger players. Sincere compliments were as prevalent as the goals they scored and blocked, the hustle, the laughs, and the good memories. This team easily left its mark as one of the most successful and closely-knit middle school field hockey teams to pass through Sant Bani. I will miss them dearly. And I thank each member sincerely for the effort she contributed.

Looking ahead to next year, we will need about five new players to make a full team (of eleven players). The sport is co-ed and very fun, so please consider joining us next fall!

Humane Society

There is another easy thing your family can do for service. If your family shops at Shaws – you can bring your receipts to school and we will collect them. When we get a big envelope full – we will deliver them to the NH Humane Society. The NH Humane Society then sends them back to Shaws, who in turn, gives the NH Humane Society 1% of the total sales. (Don't forget you can buy Shaws cards too at Roxanne's desk. You use the card like a gift card and 5% of that money goes directly to Sant Bani!)

Three Easy Ways to Support Sant Bani

Hannaford Helps Schools Program

When you shop at Hannafords, you will receive *school dollars*.

These *school dollars* will be distributed through Friday, December 12, and can be dropped off at the

Bristol Hannaford box or sent to school and given to the front office.

A percentage of collected *school dollars* will directly support Sant Bani School!

Box Tops for Education

www.boxtops4education.com

Thank you for collecting Box Tops for Education coupons! There is a collection box in the front office for all of those little Box Top for Education coupons that are found on so many packages.

You can register at www.boxtops4education.com and receive money saving coupons for those items you use that contain Box Tops coupons. Once registered, you can shop online at the Box Tops Marketplace which contains over 70 participating stores and a percentage of your qualifying purchase will be automatically credited to Sant Bani School.

If you have any questions, please contact SBS parents JoAnne Bousquet or Marian Sawicki.

Gift Cards Work Just Like Cash!

Help support

*The Sant Bani School Scholarship Fund
while you shop for groceries!*

Shaw's Gift Cards are available at Roxanne's desk during school hours. For more information or to make special arrangements for purchasing/picking up your Shaw's Gift Cards contact Roxanne at the front desk or Roxanne@santbani.org. Gift cards are sold in \$50 increments.

Shaw's gives 5% to Sant Bani per gift card.

Why not purchase a few gift cards at a time?
It's an easy and convenient way to support Sant Bani!

HS Soccer Finishes with 4 Game Win Streak

—Todd Schongalla

With just 7 players returning from last season, the high school soccer team could have been in for a “rebuilding year.” Fortunately, six “pumped up” freshmen, a strong sophomore and four talented players from overseas provided awesome support for our returning veterans. Integrating eleven new players was a big challenge, but the payoff was having our second largest team in nine years. I kept pinching myself all season because it was hard to believe we had so many great veteran and new players on our team!

After starting with 3 wins and 2 losses, the team showed its true potential in a narrow 2-3 loss to New Hampton. They beat us by 4 goals two weeks before that, but in our second game we jumped out to a 2-nothing lead and put a scare into them. The key test of our collective heart came in our 2nd game against High Mowing, a team that beat us 4 to 8 three weeks before and had been our toughest opponent. On their Parents’ Weekend in mid-October we found a new level of unselfish passing and aggressive defense and steamrolled them 7 goals to 3. We maintained that high level of play to finish off the season with successive wins over Dublin, Cardigan Mtn. and Tilton.

David Sell, Nate Houran and Ben Pollak finished four great years on the team by providing outstanding leadership as our captains. For the third straight year, keeper Houran led the defense with huge saves in goal. Dylan Dinger and Doran Timm also shone in the nets, especially when they took over and traded halves for the last three games. When not in the nets, Houran and Dinger strengthened the defensive corps, while Timm notched 10 goals and 7 assists on offense. Pollak at stopper and Henry Trachy at sweeper stepped up big to play key roles in the heart of our defense. Their aggressiveness in the center was bolstered by the quick reflexes of wing defenders Florian Jacky from Switzerland, Luke Kalvaitis,

Julian Taranow, Max Duncanson, and “most improved defender” Eliot Chiang from Taiwan.

Sell was everywhere on the field as he led the team from the center mid position for the second straight year. He scored 6 goals and his 9 assists tied him for the team lead. After recovering from an early back injury, Erik Braconier’s return as our second center mid stiffened our defense and transition play and allowed Pato Matovelle to move upfront. Freshmen wing midfielders Cullen Robinson, Andres Orr, Emily Benton and “most improved attacker” Micaela Brand ran hard supporting the defense and providing crisp passes to spark the attack. Robinson’s 3 goals and 9 assists may be the most points ever for a freshman. Playing with only 2 attackers up front required outstanding scorers. Jade Tonjunpong from Thailand used his devastating speed and a knack for finding the back of the net to score 15 goals and 6 assists. Matovelle from Ecuador gave our opponents fits with his quick moves and powerful shot. His 17 goals and 9 assists is the 2nd highest total in the last 9 years.

Parents and fans share our pride in the tremendous improvement we made in learning to play together over the course of the season. Long after we have forgotten that we won 7 games and lost 4, we will remember the beautiful unselfish passing, the powerful shooting, the awesome goaltending and the tough defense we created together. In the last half of the season we played this beautiful game the way it was meant to be played, together as a team!

The team especially wants to thank athletic director Maya Hardcastle, their parents and fans for all their support.

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