

# SANT BANI School Notes



June 2009

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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.

- June 2** Move Up Day
- June 2** Spring Sports Banquet
- June 3** Chorus, Band, 8th Grade Play 7 p.m.
- June 4** All School Beach Day Noon-4 p.m.
- June 5** Sant Bani 8th Grade Graduation at Morning Session
- June 8-9** 8th Grade Class Trip
- June 12** Sant Bani Class of 2009 Graduation 4 p.m.
- June 13** Sant Bani Parent Committee Auction
- June 14-16** High School Martha's Vineyard Trip (optional)

Sant Bani Class of 2009  
Graduation  
June 12  
4 p.m.

## Parent Committee Notes

— Emily Galvin

I can't believe how swiftly the year has flown by! I hope that this VERY busy last stretch ends up being a wonderful and memorable time for you all! There isn't too much to mention in this newsletter, but here are a few quick reminders. Don't forget to mark your calendars.

Plant Sale at Shaker Village on Saturday, June 20th. If you are able to provide plants or other products that are in keeping with the plant sale, please contact Kim Monfet. Please visit Shaker Village on the 20th to enjoy those lovely plants, and that miraculous worm tea fertilizer.

Auction & Cabaret on Saturday, June 13th from 6-10 p.m. Come join the fun! This is a wonderful event for friends and family to attend. Enjoy a delicious Chinese dinner, yummy dessert later in the evening, great music, fantastic auction items and MORE! Don't forget to invite your friends, relatives, and co-workers. This is a perfect opportunity to share our wonderful school with others. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (under age 7 are free). Price will be capped for families at \$25 per family. Ticket price includes all food and entertainment.

I'd also like to thank everyone that has been a part of the Parent Committee this year! Your thoughts, hard work, and wonderful attitudes have been a joy, and I want to let you know that all you do is greatly appreciated. If you haven't been involved, please know that the door is always wide open, and we would love to see you. Meetings will resume in September on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6-8 p.m.

Happy Summer!

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## Feeling Left Out of the Loop?

### Join the Sant Bani listserv!

If you're not getting exciting informative emails with late-breaking Sant Bani news, sign up today!

Send a message to  
[SantBaniSchool-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:SantBaniSchool-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)  
and you'll be automatically added.

# *Sant Bani School Graduation*

## *Class of 2009*

June 12, 2009

4 p.m.

Sant Bani School  
Allen Field

Refreshments will be served  
All are welcome

This community-wide event captures much of the spirit of Sant Bani School.

Please consider attending even if you don't have a graduate.

There is plenty of room and a great reception hosted by the Juniors and their parents.

**Sant Bani School  
Summer Program  
Grades 3-4 and 5-8  
August 10-14, 2009  
&  
August 17-21, 2009**

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CONGRATULATIONS, KARI!

The sad news is: Kari Allen will be leaving Sant Bani.  
The happy news is: Kari Allen will be having a baby! Kari  
and her husband Chris (SBS '99) are expecting in mid-July.  
Best wishes to you both!

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Sophia Webster, Isabel Bogacz, Abby Sutton, and Rose Darrell! They had their writing pieces published in *Middle/High School Voices*, New Hampshire's writing anthology for middle and high school students and sponsored by the Plymouth Writing Project.

## Goodbye, Barry!

—Jon Engle

After almost twenty years of teaching at Sant Bani, Barry Draper is retiring. Barry first came to the School in 1990 and over the years he has taught science, music, math and digital photography. His love of nature and all things of the earth have always been infectious: only a Barry Draper could get students—and sometimes even teachers—excited about things like spiders and “squishy” insects. And ideas like his Cell-a-brations have unleashed student creativity while teaching so much more than any text could ever do about cell life. How incredible has his teaching been? Go down to the Lower Building and you’ll see. His appearance rivals a rock star’s!

In addition to his wonderful teaching, he has been a part of the school band and has blessed many school publications with his excellent photographs.

His laughter, his enthusiasm, his great teaching and most of all his amazing presence will be sorely missed.

Good luck, Barry with whatever your future brings to you.

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## Come Celebrate!

### Auction and Cabaret

The Sant Bani School is celebrating its 36<sup>th</sup> year, on the field, under the tent, the day after graduation!

**Food**  
**Entertainment**  
**Great Items for Auction**

**Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**6-10:00 PM**

## Empty Bowls Project

—Hillary Pincoske

The Art Department and the Service Department have joined together to plan an Empty Bowls dinner. The idea is, people make bowls and then host a simple soup and bread dinner. Guests donate \$10 for the dinner and are able to keep their bowl at the end of the event. As guests, they are reminded of how full their belly is at the end of dinner and how empty their bowl is. They are then reminded that there are people in our community that still have empty bowls. The money raised at each Empty Bowls event is kept in the local community and given to an organization working to prevent hunger or feed those in need.

We are off to a wonderful start and have been fortunate enough to have Teresa Taylor from Salty Dog Pottery and New Beginnings in Laconia involved in our planning, and supporting us as we go along with the preparation for this great event. All of the classes in Kindergarten thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade, along with teachers and alumni have been making bowls out of clay and decorating them with glazes, colored slips, textures, and designs scratched into the leather hard clay. Teresa has worked behind the scenes helping us with materials, templates for bowls, and has offered for us to use her large kiln to fire all of our bowls. Some of the classes were able to have Teresa with them at Sant Bani when they made their bowls so they were able to have a demonstration and hands on help while working.

We were also lucky enough to have Kitty Kiefer from New Beginnings come to our Morning Session to talk to the students in 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades about their organization and the kinds of services they provide in our community. The students were able to ask questions and were given some great information about the needs in our area and how important it is to help. New Beginnings provides shelter, food, education, and support to women and families in the Belknap County area.

Our dinner is planned for early to mid October. Barry and Gretchen Draper have offered to give a slide show and presentation from their fabulous trips all over the world for all to enjoy and learn from. We hope to have a big enough crowd to have a 5:00 dinner and a 7:00 dinner with the slide show and presentation at 6:00. Families will be able to eat early and watch the presentation or watch the presentation and then eat.

We hope to see you all there in the fall!

## Cottage Gardens

We are looking to update our gardens at all buildings. We are hoping to get plants that flower during spring and fall especially as this is when school is in session. If you have plants or flowers that you would like to donate, please talk with Dave Coulter or Todd Schongalla. Plants must be non-invasive.

### *Keeping Your Family Strong in Tough Times*

The Health Ed. Department wanted to pass this information along to families:

A FREE six week series of fun activities for families to build on strengths and overcome stress. Come to any or all events.

Thursdays May 14 - June 18, 5:30-7 p.m.

Gordan-Nash Library, New Hampton, NH

To register call 528-6511

Sponsored by Child and Family Services

### **Sanbornton Recreation Programs**

#### **Golf Lessons**

Offered at Den Brae Golf Course  
Start Date: June 4th and running for  
4 consecutive Thursdays

#### **Swimming Lessons**

Two sessions this summer  
First session begins July 6 and  
second session begins August 3

#### **Tennis Lessons**

Tennis lessons for all age groups. Lessons will begin on June 22 and will be held for (4) consecutive Mondays

For more information contact Julie Lonergan at 286-2659 or at sanbrec@metrocast.net.

*Over the years many have appreciated the policy of the Sanbornton Recreation Department that makes its teams available to all students who attend school in Sanbornton, regardless of hometown.*

## **SANT BANI SCHOOL GOLF CLASSIC**

**Sunday June 14, 8:00 a.m.  
Den Brae Golf Course**

It was LOTS OF FUN last year  
and this year we'll make it  
EVEN BETTER!

YOU CAN HELP -- BY JOINING US  
bring your friends & relatives

Cost is \$35 per person, \$25 for current students  
Free T-shirts & Goodie Bag to all participants  
Prizes for 1st & 2nd place teams  
Format is a 9-hole Scramble, 4-per team

Organizers

Alex Livingstone '87

Dick Shannon, Parent '87, '92

Email SB.golf.classic@gmail.com to reserve your spot

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## **JH TRACK!**

—*Maya Hardcastle*

27 Athletes... 13 with experience, 14 new to the team. 27 kids learning, refining, improving and striving to beat their latest best times and distances. As I write, we are nearly done with the season and the team has been amazing. With our focus on learning, trying new events and working on improving personal bests everyone has met the challenge and come up winners.

# Middle Building Students Help Near and Far

—Todd Schongalla

Middle building students at Sant Bani School have worked hard to help our local communities and others as far away as Haiti. They enthusiastically tackled a wonderful range of group and individual service projects this year. Some of the highlights include:

HS students spent their first day back helping to ready the school for the new year. Students painted athletic benches and picnic tables, built water bars to control erosion on the cross country trail, organized art room supplies, installed new equipment in the computer lab, and started work on the garlic project.

A week later the seventh and eighth grade participated in the International Coastal Cleanup for the fourth straight year and gathered 72 pounds of garbage. The ICC has been organizing volunteers to clean beaches and scientifically document the types, quantity and location of marine debris for 23 years. It is now the world's largest single-day volunteer effort to improve the health of the ocean and its wildlife. On a sunny mid-September Friday on North Beach, we enthusiastically exceeded our previous record by 26 pounds. Although New Hampshire has a relatively short coastline, 1557 volunteers collected 7,635 pounds of trash in all during the 2008 coastal cleanup.

In a span of a month, three major hurricanes and a tropical storm struck Haiti leaving widespread devastation and suffering in their wake last summer. Partners In Health immediately rallied their ground crew to begin a major rebuilding campaign. Our students have risen to this challenge in our 5<sup>th</sup> year of providing major support for PIH. Students and staff raised more than \$4000 at the Urban Walk for Haiti in Cambridge in April. The \$45,000 raised in this year's walk will build 9 houses for families that lost theirs in last summer's storms. Since Jen has joined the Urban Walk's organizing committee, our students played a major role in running this festive event. We also sold handmade jewelry made by various Sant Bani student crafters. On June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, students will help run the Mooseman Triathlon and raise money and awareness about PIH. We hope to equal or surpass last year's record of more than \$800 raised at the Triathlon. At press time our students have raised more than \$12,000 for PIH over the last 5 years, which is remarkable for a community of our size.

After considering a number of great proposals, the Class of 2009 decided to split their Judith Perkins Memorial

Service Project Funds to support two worthy organizations. During the winter, the seniors traveled to the Bridge House in Plymouth to learn about homelessness, play with younger residents, and paint colorful murals in their new play space. Their \$500 donation covered most of the cost of insulating the former garage that has been converted into a year-round family play area. In the spring the seniors visited the NH Humane Society to learn more and play with their pets in need of a home. They constructed and donated 34 dog beds by stretching heavy-duty cordura nylon over sturdy PVC pipe frames. The beds look so good the Parent Committee may offer them in the Holiday Catalog!

The environmental science class chose to take a crash course in sustainable agriculture. 16 students worked hard throughout the fall sifting witch grass out of the soil, preparing a thorough business plan, and planting more than 500 garlic cloves. They toured the Two Sisters Garlic Farm in Canterbury and Celina Dykstra provided expert planting advice. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade also helped prepare the planting beds. Ann Saunderson's Visual Media class created and presented excellent garlic marketing plans to a panel, including SBS alum, Emily Upton Saunderson, who is a brand manager for a major pet food. A committee is working on ways to grow and expand the garlic project for educational and fundraising purposes. We will be harvesting, drying, and selling the garlic over the summer. If you would like to help out with this sustainable fundraiser please contact Todd Schongalla or Susan Dymont.

Students, staff and parents celebrated Earth Day by going on a Bio-Blitz throughout the school and Sant Bani Ashram properties. 20 mixed age groups scoured every corner of the properties to create a permanent scientific record of the biodiversity present in our natural community.

8<sup>th</sup> grade students and staff returned to Camp Wilmot in May to help their staff prepare for the summer season. They raked leaves, weeded flowerbeds, and cleared hundreds of branches felled by winter storms.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade raised hundreds of dollars through their projects period café. They are currently deciding which

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## Sant Bani Auction

There will be a simultaneous silent and on-line as well as a live portion to the auction. The on-line bidding will start on Saturday, May 30th at 7 a.m.

Please tell your friends and send out e-mails with the web-site link so they can preview items and bid on-line. There is a link on the Sant Bani website ([www.santbanischool.org](http://www.santbanischool.org)) or you can go directly to: [livecharityauctions.com/?AuctionCode=43365113](http://livecharityauctions.com/?AuctionCode=43365113)

Bidding starts May 30th!

Invite everyone to come and join the fun on Saturday, June 13th! If you have any questions contact Linda Shelley or e-mail at [Linda@livecharityauctions.com](mailto:Linda@livecharityauctions.com).

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Sant Bani Earnings: It appears we are gradually increasing our coupon cutting ...since January of this year; we have helped support Sant Bani School by submitting over 2,400 Box Tops for Education coupons! Way to go Sant Bani Community!!

Have you visited [BoxTops4Education.com](http://BoxTops4Education.com) and enrolled as a supporter? If so, you will notice that since our enrollment Box Top earnings are \$258 and we now have 18 online supporters. After submitting the last two coupon submission forms our *total* earnings, not displayed on the website as of yet, will be over \$500!!

Earning Suggestions: Besides sending in those coupons, remember, Box Tops offers two additional ways to earn cash for our school by shopping online *and* purchasing books online – all at no additional cost to you. Learn more at [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com).

Coupon Collection During Summer Vacation: To aid in the submission of coupons, please collect them in a plastic bag or envelope to be sent to school in the Fall. Coupons must be submitted to Box Tops in bundles of 50. If you have your child count the coupons and make note of how many they have collected on the envelope or plastic bag... this would be of great help when it comes time to submit them for our earnings. And remember to check expiration dates.

Thank you again for all your coupon collection efforts! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact SBS parent JoAnne Bousquet. Enjoy your summer!

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### Middle Building Students Help Near and Far

nonprofit organizations they want to support.

In the fall students helped out at the Canterbury Shaker Village Harvest Festival and the White Tiger Karate Haunted Hike.

Throughout the year students helped out with school events and fundraisers like the yard sales, concert series, holiday catalog, citrus sale, Gilmanon Road Race, and home sporting events.

Students continued to choose great service projects for projects period. Some of the organizations helped by our students during projects period are the Presidio Hill School, Canterbury Elementary School, Plymouth Regional Senior Center, and the Bridge House.

High school students continue to more than meet their 15 hours per semester individual service requirement in exciting and diverse ways. Many students have made long-term commitments to the people and organizations they serve. They explore career options, gain life skills, and make new friends. Their service reports are inspiring!

My apologies if I left out a 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade project you worked on. Congratulations to everyone in the SBS community and especially our students for helping so many people this year!

## What a Performance!

The Kindergarten, First Grade and Second Grade created the Strong Spirits Kids Opera Company and performed their original opera, *Florida, Here We Come*.

Creating Original Opera is a program of the Washington National Opera. The students began at the start of the school year learning the process from establishing the name and logo, creating the jobs, composing the music, designing the set, writing the story, to the final performance. They have taken many field trips, attended shows, interviewed people, hosted speakers, all as part of the learning process.

Thank you to the lower building students and teachers for all of your hard work!

# Around the World at Sant Bani

—Susan Dymont

“I love asking them a million questions.”

“Sant Bani must be lucky because we get all the cool kids.”

“I think it is very beneficial as it brings down stereotypes that people believe exist. The foreign kids really educate us.”

“I love learning about their cultures.”

“I love having new people in our class.”

“It is super fun hearing all the different sounds of their language compared to ours.”

This array of comments goes on. They were generated by students in the Junior English class who were asked to reflect on the year and how it works for Sant Bani to host students from other countries. We have long felt enriched by these brave students who venture so far at such a young age. Over twenty countries have been represented at Sant Bani since Vivian Lenos, our first international student, came in 1983.

We have students from two new countries but haven't yet found host families for them. Would you like to host Henri, a senior from Finland, or Suryia, a sophomore girl from Afghanistan? The admissions committee has given two thumbs up to these young people but so far we haven't made a match with a family. Please call Susan Dymont or email [susan@santbani.org](mailto:susan@santbani.org) for more information. We have a network of experienced host parents who will answer questions and assist you with the nuts and bolts of carrying out this exciting adventure for your family.

## Gift Cards Work Just Like Cash!

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. Gift cards are sold in \$50 increments.

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

[www.themillfudgefactory.com](http://www.themillfudgefactory.com)

—Anne Dancewicz-Helmers

## Mill Factory Fudge is the latest addition to the fundraising efforts of the Parent Committee

The Mill Fudge Factory is owned and operated by a family in Bristol, NH, just 20 minutes from Sant Bani school. Their fudge is inspired by traditional Scottish fudge and has a melt-in-your-mouth texture that's not too sweet. They make each batch from scratch the old-fashioned way without any preservatives, artificial flavors or colors. They use only the finest ingredients such as real maple syrup, Belgian dark chocolate, natural peanut butter and pure flavor extracts. They're so proud of their fudge that they guarantee it will arrive to you fresh and delicious.

Shipping is done via Priority mail and you can specify when you would like it to arrive by. If you're giving fudge as a gift, you can also include a free personal note. Greeting cards are available, too.

Any fudge orders that you make from the Sant Bani School site using this link [www.themillfudgefactory.com](http://www.themillfudgefactory.com) will automatically be credited to Sant Bani School, and the school will receive 25% of your order! You can also receive free shipping on orders of two or more pounds, and the school will still receive 25% of the total order. Please note that you must use the link to The Mill Fudge Factory on the school web page for SBS to be credited with your purchase. Simply click on "fundraisers" (you may first need to click on "community" before you can click on "fundraisers") and then click on "The Mill Fudge Factory" to get access to the link.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser, and please share it with all your friends and family!

This fundraiser will continue throughout the calendar year.