



Sant Bani School Notes

Celebrating 36 years

September 2009

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Calendar of Events

- 9/7 Labor Day -- **No school**
- 9/8 First day for 7th & 8th at Camp Wilmot
- 9/9 First day for K-6 (5th, 6th, 7th, 8th at Wilmot)
- 9/10 K-4 and 9-12 at school
5th and 6th at Wilmot
7th and 8th stay home
- 9/11 Sant Ajaib Singh's birthday -- **No school**
- 9/16 Curriculum Night (grades 5-8) 6:30 p.m.
- 9/24 Curriculum Night (grades K-4) 7 p.m.
- 9/25 All-school mountain climb
- 10/2 Chamber Music Series concert -- Cavatina Duo
- 10/3 SBS Board of Trustees meeting
- 10/5 College Fair
- 10/9 Staff Development Day -- **No school**
- 10/9 Empty Bowls Dinner
- 10/12 Columbus Day -- **No school**
- 10/14 Grades 10 & 11 take PSATs
- 10/14 General Parent Meeting 7 p.m.

Two New (and Familiar) Teachers: Carol Dulac and Jyoti Demian

Sant Bani second graders will meet a new face in their classroom this year. Carol Dulac of Bristol taught fourth and fifth grade at Sant Bani for five years in the early 1990s and second grade for three years in the late 1990s. In the mid-1990s she taught second and fourth grade in Belgium and for the past eleven years she taught third grade in Prague and third and fifth grade in Budapest.

Carol has strong ties to Sant Bani; aside from teaching here, her daughters, Caitlin and Britta, attended the school for many years and are part of the SBS alumni community.

"I always told Kent I'd be back," Carol explains. "I knew I'd be back;

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Sant Bani Summer Program: A Chance To Learn Something New

In its third year, the Sant Bani Summer Program, workshops offered to students entering grades three through eight, continued to enrich attendees.

Workshops included Lego Robotics for elementary and middle school students, Photography, in which students worked in the school's dark room to develop their photographs and Sports Medley, where they honed skills at traditional sports, learned new sports like badminton, horseshoes and splash baseball. Study Skills also was offered, along with Strings, in which violin and cello students learned from music teacher David Young.

On the last day of the program, Lego Robotics and Strings participants presented for students in other workshops.

Rose Marie Marinace, co-director of the Summer Program along with Heidi Freeman, feels this year was the most successful so far. "We had the largest variety of offerings, we had a variety of ages participating and we had students mixing both from within and outside of the school community."

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it's always been the plan to return eventually. The school has a special place in my heart. Sant Bani School is not just a job but a family."

Carol is excited about returning to Sant Bani and feels that her experience teaching overseas will have a positive impact on her work here. "I've been exposed to a lot of new teaching philosophies and had a lot of professional development. Working with kids from all over the world gives me a wider perspective. Every time I go abroad I come back a different teacher--hopefully a better teacher because I can put into practice all I have learned."

In addition, Carol has done a lot of work in the area of literacy. She believes work with literacy is the most important thing we do with younger children. She recently completed training and received her certificate as a Literacy Coach and is hoping that at Sant Bani she can put into practice the knowledge she has gained.

Another new yet familiar face at school this year will be that of alumna, parent and former SBS teacher Jyoti Demian. She will be teaching sixth grade Language Arts and English 9/10, tutoring, coaching junior high cross-country and editing the monthly newsletter, *Sant Bani School Notes*. She is excited to return to her roots.

Jyoti graduated from Sant Bani

in 1993 after going to the school since kindergarten. She attended Wellesley College and then graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a B.A. in English and Women's Studies. She received her M.Ed. in English Education and English 5-12 certification from Plymouth State University in 2008. In addition to Sant Bani, Jyoti has taught at Plymouth State University, Concord High School and most recently at Winnisquam Regional High School.

Jyoti looks forward to rejoining the Sant Bani faculty and feels the experience and education she gained since last teaching here will serve her well. "I am excited! I can't wait to get to work," she explains.

Jyoti's husband is Sant Bani teacher and Athletic Director Chris Demian and their children are Sohani, grade five, and Kirpal and Luca, grade three.

Asbestos-free as always

Sant Bani School is required to inform the community about the status of asbestos in the school environment. School facilities were inspected several years ago. No asbestos was found and we continue to use asbestos-free construction materials. We are happy to let you know your children attend school in an asbestos-free environment.

Welcome Art Intern Peter Deminico

Sant Bani Art teacher Lorraine Jones will be joined this fall by Sanbornton teacher intern Peter Deminico. Peter joins us from the Upper Valley Education Institute and we look forward to working with him.

Peter grew up in Thailand and returned to the U.S. to attend UNH, where he majored in Studio Art. He has worked as an artist's assistant and with international students in a summer program. He also was a finalist in an art contest to design a monument for the Old Man of the Mountain.

Peter is eager to learn more about Sant Bani School and is excited to meet the students.

Fall Sports Sign-ups: It's Not Too Late

If your child in grades five through twelve is still considering participation in a fall sport, there is still time to sign up.

Fall sports for middle school and high school athletes include Cross-Country running, Soccer and Field Hockey.

Information on practice schedules, meets, games and coaches can be found on the Sant Bani School website, www.santbani.org.

Welcome International Students

Sant Bani School is excited once again to be the host school to students from around the globe.

Soraya "Samira" Afzali is from Afghanistan and will be joining the tenth grade. She enjoys writing, theater and bicycling. Her host family is the Sweeney family of Gilford.

Dayana (DeeDee) Aleksandrova is from Bulgaria and will be a senior. She is very active in drama club and will be spending her year with the Sweeney family.

Justine Borceux enters twelfth grade from Belgium. She is an avid volleyball player and enjoys acting. She will be living with the Elliott/Frederick family of Tilton.

Chris Demian New Athletic Director

Sant Bani School has a new Athletic Director starting this fall. Chris Demian, math teacher and Boys Basketball coach will be performing all other necessary jobs to enable Sant Bani athletics to run smoothly.

"Putting all the pieces of the puzzle together will be a challenge at first," Chris says. But he is an avid sports fan and athlete whose management skills and organization will serve him well in this new capacity.

You can contact Chris at chris@santbani.org or 934-4240.

Julius Janos comes from Slovakia and will be joining the eleventh grade. He has played classical guitar for ten years. Julius will be spending his year with the Sweeney family.

Eneyls (Lyz) Kalmus is from Estonia and will be a senior. She enjoys tennis, singing and playing piano. She will be spending her year with the Sweeney family.

Selena Podlesak joins the eleventh grade from Germany. She enjoys ice skating, tennis and sailing. Her host family is the Bynum family of Canterbury.



Saran Asmiatou Savane is from the Ivory Coast and will be an eleventh grader. She will be living with the Sweeney family.

Hannah Schmitt also is from Germany and also will be joining the tenth grade. She plays guitar and studies ballroom dancing. Hannah will be living with the Bogacz family of Tilton.

Quan Tran comes from Vietnam and will be an eleventh grader. Quan enjoys playing soccer and badminton. He will be living with the Sweeney family.

Sant Bani is grateful to these students for sharing with us their cultures and to their generous host families for making this cultural exchange possible.

Help beautify the Sant Bani School campus by donating flowers and plants

In an effort to update existing gardens at all buildings, we are seeking plants that flower during spring and fall (when school is in session).

Do you have non-invasive plants to donate?

If you do, please speak with Dave Coulter or Todd Schongalla.



Upcoming Events

Empty Bowls Dinner Set for October 9

On October 9 Sant Bani School will host an Empty Bowls Dinner, "a grassroots movement to prevent hunger." Guests at the simple soup and bread meal will donate \$10 for dinner and get to keep their handmade ceramic bowl after the dinner. They will be reminded of how full their belly is and of how empty their bowl is. Funds raised by Empty Bowls events are kept in the community and given to an organization working to prevent hunger.

The Empty Bowls project at Sant Bani started last year in the Art and Service Departments with help from Teresa Taylor of Salty Dog Pottery and New Beginnings in Laconia, an organization that provides shelter, food, education and support to women and families in the Belknap County area. The \$10 contribution will go to New Beginnings.

Students in Kindergarten through twelfth grade, teachers and alumni made bowls from clay and decorated them with glazes, colored strips, textures and designs scratched into leather-hard clay. Teresa assisted with materials, templates for bowls, demonstrations and hands-on help.

There will be two seatings for dinner, one at 5 p.m. and one at 7:30. At 6:15, Barry and Gretchen

Draper will present a fabulous slideshow, "Nourishment around the World."

Prepaid reservations are required for the dinner since space is limited to 75 people per seating. To reserve seats send an email to maya@santbani.org or call 934-4240. Please specify if you will be eating before or after the slide presentation.

Cavatina Duo To Perform First SBS Chamber Music Series Concert October 2

The New Yorker magazine explains that the Cavatina Duo "is generally considered to be the best of them [flute and guitar duos]." *Soundboard Magazine* describes the husband and wife team of Eugenia Moliner (flute) and Denis Azabagic (guitar) as "a duo that represents the ideal pairing of state-of-the-art practitioners of their respective instruments."

Once again, Sant Bani School will host world-renowned musicians at the first concert in its Chamber Music Series. The opportunity to hear the artistry of this flute and guitar duo is truly unique. The concert begins at 7 p.m. on October 2 and is free for students and \$15 for others. Tickets can be purchased through Sant Bani School at 934-4240.

Lead an Art Block or Club at Sant Bani!

Art Blocks, offered to Sant Bani students in grades three through twelve, and Friday Clubs, offered to K-6 students, are a wonderful opportunity for parents to get involved in their children's education. Art Blocks happen on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:20-3:20. Clubs occur on Friday afternoons from 12:45-3:20. There are five sets per year and each set lasts about eight weeks.

If you have a special talent to share or if you would just like to come and help, contact Hillary Pincoske.

Book Fair To Return to Sant Bani in November

Scholastic Book Fair have been held the last few years at Sant Bani and we are excited that once again there will be a book fair in the Sant Bani Library from Wednesday, November 18th until Friday, November 20th.

The Book Fair is an excellent opportunity for families to purchase quality literature for children from preschool through high school. If you are interested in helping at the fair please contact Hillary Pincoske.

Parent Committee News

by Emily Galvin

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a glorious summer and managed to find the time to fit in some favorite summer activities once the rain finally stopped! I know we have been packing in those last few fun events before school starts back up.

Well, it's time to get settled back into our school routines and I know that much work has been done over the summer to help everyone get back into the swing of things. You'll find several changes this year regarding the Sant Bani School Parent Committee and I thought I'd give you some idea of what we have in store.

First and foremost, we have made some changes to the Parent Committee volunteer forms. Our goal is to get 100% parent participation and spread the workload amongst many hands. If you were at Family Work Day, you saw our Parent Committee "booth" and had the opportunity to ask us questions and fill out your volunteer form with your top

three choices of the activities you'd like to participate in throughout the year. If you were unable to attend, please call or e-mail and we'll get a form to you. We are trying to provide a detailed description of the tasks that we'll need help with and give you exact dates at the beginning of the year so you will know when we will need you. Of course you are always more than welcome to join us at any event!

At the Parent Work Day parents voted to have this year's back-to-school activity be a potluck dinner and recipe swap. If you're able to, please take the time to join us; it's a great opportunity to welcome new families into our Sant Bani family and catch up with old friends. Please take the time to welcome new faces; this can make such a big difference in making them feel a part of our community.

The Parent Committee also will be working on a few presentations throughout the year. The first will be covering the topic of what to

pack for lunch. I know I am certainly looking forward to getting some new ideas! We'll try to fit these presentations in during the General Parent Meetings or other times when you'll already be at school so that you won't need to make additional trips.

Please watch your Listserv notices throughout the year, as much of our communication from Parent Committee will be passed along to you through that venue in an effort to save paper. If you aren't already receiving those notices, please sign up.

Please join us at Parent Committee meetings on the third Wednesday of every month. Check the online calendar for Parent Committee meetings. We'll have a yummy treat to enjoy at each meeting and it's a great way to get to know more about the school and each other! We have a great time together and it's a wonderful way to get connected. EVERYONE is welcome!

Don't get left out of the loop-- sign up for Sant Bani listserv!

To receive informative emails with late-breaking Sant Bani news, sign up for the Sant Bani listserv. You will be added to an email address list of members of the Sant Bani School community.

To be added to this list, send an email to

SantBaniSchool-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Shaw's gift cards work like cash and benefit SBS!

Next time you buy groceries at Shaw's supermarket, consider paying with a Shaw's Gift Card. **Shaw's gives 5% of your total purchase to Sant Bani School**, which can add up to a lot over time. Gift cards are sold in \$50 increments. For more information or to make special arrangements for purchasing or picking up your Shaw's Gift Cards, contact
Roxanne at the front desk or
Roxanne@santbani.org.

Box Tops for Education Supports Sant Bani School

Thanks to the efforts of all in the SBS community, we have earned over \$500 with the Box Tops for Education program by submitting Box Tops coupons, found on numerous grocery products.

You can help by removing Box Tops coupons from packages and storing them in a plastic bag or envelope. You can send in any number of Box Tops coupons, but when the school submits collected coupons, these must be divided into bundles of fifty, so having your child count off bundles of fifty per bag or envelope and labeling would be helpful. Also, remember to check expiration dates.

Coupon collection boxes are in the main office. Contact JoAnne

with questions.

Kari Settling into New Pace of Motherhood

Kari Allen left her second grade class in June promising to bring in a surprise to share in the fall. Although she will not be returning this year as a teacher, Kari looks forward to coming back to introduce former students and staff to her new son, Marek Charles Allen, born in July.

Since Marek was born during summer vacation, Kari thinks not returning to teaching will really

seem real once school begins. "When school starts it will be weird not to be there," she says, and admits that she recently felt the need to buy something to start off the school year, so she purchased some pens.

"I'll be around," Kari says. She also will be coaching high school Field Hockey at the school, so we will see her regularly.

Kari explains she is figuring out motherhood day by day. She is really enjoying it and says it is definitely different. She lives life on Marek's schedule and they do

whatever he needs to do when he needs to do it.

Kari says Marek loves to be held and snuggled. They have had lots of visitors and Marek sees his grandparents often. His grandmothers are Sant Bani teachers Lynne Allen and Brenda Diederich, who probably will do a fair share of snuggling with Marek while Kari coaches. She says that when he does come onto the field with her, however, she has new safety rules for field hockey sticks and balls for the team to learn.

Who To Contact with Questions

Principal: Kent Bicknell

**Admissions and
College Guidance:**
Susan Dymont

Elementary School Dean:
Karen Gregg

Middle School Dean: Lynne Allen

High School Dean:
Richard Danahy

Curriculum: Jonathan Powell

Registrar: Becky Beane

Tuition and payments:
JoAnn Malinowski

Development/Fundraising:
Brooke Pearsall, Megan Farkas

Endowment: Kent Bicknell

Parent Committee: Emily Galvin

Financial Aid: JoAnn Malinowski

**Counseling and
Health Education:**
Deb Stanton, Priscilla Fay

Health services: Linda Surowiec

Art Blocks and Clubs:
Hillary Pincoske

Maintenance:
Sam Conkling, Dave Coulter

Alumni: Joyce Marinace

Athletics: Chris Demian

Special Education: Ann Littlefield

Service projects:
Todd Schongalla, Hillary Pincoske

Performing Arts: Craig Jaster

Library: Mary Ann Sanborn

Attendance, Front Desk:
Roxanne DelFari

Art Department:
Ann Saunderson

Science Department:
Robert Schongalla

Mathematics Department:
Jonathan Powell

English Department:
Karen Bicknell

Social Studies (K-6):
Beth Robinson

Social Studies (7-12):
Brenda Diederich

Foreign Language Department:
Debbie Asbeck

Technology: Richard Danahy

Weekly cleaning: Pam Hunt

Phone list: JoAnn Malinowski

Transportation scheduling:
Linda Surowiec/JoAnn Malinowski

Transportation concerns:
Deb Stanton

Weekend Cleaning

All Sant Bani School families are expected to clean a section of the school three times each year. Families are asked to keep track of when it is their weekend to clean. A full-year schedule of cleaning is being mailed and also is available on the school's website.

Cleaning is expected to take four hours per section and includes vacuuming, mopping, washing down desks and tables, taking out trash and recycling, etc. Each section has specific cleaning requirements. Campus maps, instructions and schedules are posted on the cleaning closet doors.

Vacuums must be checked before use to be sure the bag is not full and if the air filter (in some vacuums) needs to be changed. New bags can be found in cleaning closets. Vacuums from other sections may be used but must be returned to their original location. If a vacuum is not running properly, please leave it with a detailed note inside the copy room.

Missing your scheduled cleaning affects students, staff and the parents expected to clean the following week. If there is a conflict in your schedule, first call another family assigned to your section and switch dates. (Let Pam Hunt know of the switch.) Thank you for doing your part.

Important Crisis Information

To parents and members of our community:

At Sant Bani School we have a secure emergency response plan. We have spent a great deal of time planning for the care and safety of your children. The Emergency Response Committee meets quarterly to review, discuss and update our plan. We would like to inform you about the standard protocol in an emergency during any time you

might be present with your family in this building.

Standard Emergency Protocol:

Sant Bani School has many community-wide functions when parents and/or younger children are often in the building. In the event of a Fire Alarm, please follow the proper procedure marked at every exit throughout the building. There are maps and flip charts placed at the exit of every room.

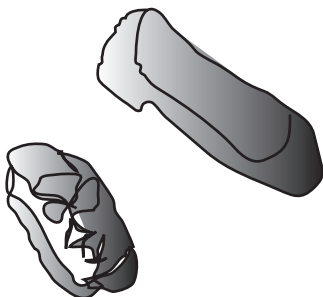
DO NOT, under any circumstances, walk through the building to gather your children

and use a different exit. Please trust that we have designed the fastest way to evacuate everyone and that if you are not with your children they will be well cared for by the trained members of our community. Please note that we have designated sweepers who remain in the building to ensure a successful and complete evacuation.

The committee encourages all of you to take notice of the flip charts and maps about our building the next time you are on campus. This information exists in every building.

Indoor Footwear Required at School

Please provide your child(ren) with shoes or slippers to wear inside school buildings. Wearing designated indoor footwear is mandatory for students K-12 for safety reasons. During fire drills or during a real emergency students may need to stay outside for an extended period of time in any season, and shoes or slippers can help protect their feet.



Driving alert!
SBS athletes on
road after school

Numerous students regularly run on Osgood Road after school is dismissed. The speed limit on Osgood Road changes to **25 miles per hour** one mile from the school. PLEASE be extra cautious when driving on Osgood Road on your way to or from school.

A Parent Work Day Thank-You

Thank you to parents and students who participated in the Parent Work Day on August 29.

Families braved consistent heavy rain to complete necessary outside tasks like weeding, trimming and wood chip spreading on playgrounds before students arrive. Inside, parents cleaned, painted, repaired and spruced up buildings.

Parent work contribution is essential to the maintenance of our school and this help by families every year is appreciated by the Maintenance Department, faculty and your children.

If you were unable to attend the Parent Work Day, we still depend on your valuable time contribution. Please contact Sam Conkling to arrange a time to work at school.