

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
SALESIAN SCHOOL



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ANNUAL REPORT  
2010-2011



# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dr. Lisa A. Harris, Ed. D.  
*Principal*

We certainly hope that you are all enjoying our newest edition of the Beacon. The 2010-2011 school year has been very productive at Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School. If you pass by the Church and School, you will see that the distinctive Church towers are getting a facelift. Saints Peter and Paul Church and School intends to be a prominent fixture in the community for decades to come; so, of course, our structure needs to be sturdy. The Church towers are very popular focal points for photographs taken by visitors. It is a blessing to be located in the center of North Beach which really is the jewel of all neighborhoods.

The 2010-2011 school year found our enrollment up and our school blessed with families eager and willing to strengthen our school community. As I gave tours to over 150 prospective students, it was delightful to hear that our school has a positive image out there in the community. Our segment on Best of the Bay also assisted us in giving our school name and school program some excellent publicity. It is a delight to be involved with such a vibrant and ever developing organization.

As we head into 2011, we have decided to make this the year that we find all of our alumni who fall under the category of "lost pearls." We want to develop our alumni database and plan some reunions for our Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School Graduates. If you are interested in making sure that we have your most current information, as well as email and Facebook information, please access our website and send us your updated information. If you want to check in and speak with a "real person," feel free to call and ask for Lisa Harris - School Principal or Claudia Fernando - Development and Marketing Director.

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Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School is making every effort to provide a Catholic Education for all those who want one. This is not an easy task. Through generous benefactors, and our scholarship endowment, we are able to offer a number of students tuition assistance. As we headed into 2011, we realized that there was a need for more and more funding in order to make a Catholic School education a reality for some of our most financially challenged families. If you are interested in sponsoring a student through school, please contact us. You may also contribute to our Scholarship Fund or our Capital Improvement Fund. We are a 501(c)(3) organization so your donation is tax deductible.

In the great words of Saint John Bosco, "Once a Salesian always a Salesian." Your support will mean the world to our students and our community. Help to keep Saints Peter and Paul School the shining gem in the center of North Beach. Nothing can take the place of a solid academic foundation and a solid spiritual foundation. Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School is proud to deliver on both of these fronts. Help us to build the future one child at a time. Enjoy the Beacon.

Blessings to you and your loved ones !

Dr. Lisa Harris  
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# SALESIAN SPOTLIGHT



## YVONNE SORACCO

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER WINS THE HERBST AWARD  
FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to our Kindergarten teacher, Yvonne Soracco, a 29 year veteran of Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School. Yvonne, an alumnus of SSPP Class of '76, was recognized for excellence in teaching. This award is presented to teachers demonstrating outstanding educational practices utilizing current educational theories. Along with the prestige of this award comes a \$5,000 grant which Mrs. Soracco can use at her discretion for her kindergarten classroom, as well as, a \$5,000 matching grant awarded to the school for professional development. The Soracco family has a long tradition with our school. Jessica, Yvonne's oldest daughter, graduated in 2003. Her son, Kevin, graduated in 2007 and her daughter, Mia, is currently in the 2nd grade. We thank Mrs. Soracco for her years of dedication and service and we also thank her for carrying on the great tradition of entrusting her children to a Salesian education.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*S*aints Peter and Paul Salesian School makes every effort to offer students a well-rounded academic experience and a strong spiritual formation.

*“We believe in the uniqueness of each individual child and strive to provide an environment that allows each child to utilize his or her talents to the fullest.”*

Lisa A. Harris, Ed.D.  
*Principal*

# HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School, located across from Washington Square Park in North Beach, has maintained a tradition of educational excellence in San Francisco since its inception in 1925. SSPP has been under the direction of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians since 1950. Our school adopts the educational system and philosophy of Saint John Bosco, the founder of the Salesian order. The system, characterized by warmth, optimism and joy is youth-oriented. Saint John Bosco based his educational system on the concepts of reason, religion, and loving kindness. SSPP strives to create a respectful rapport among faculty, staff, students and parents. Our educators seek to create a welcoming presence that attracts and interests students. Our true mission is, as Saint John Bosco said, **“To Create Good Citizens of Earth and of Heaven.”**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

SSPP has a Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade program. We have a faculty comprised of dedicated religious and lay individuals. Our faculty works closely with our school counselor and our resource teacher. We offer a strong academic program which emphasizes the core curriculum. We also incorporate technology, library, physical education, religious studies, art, music, and second language Spanish classes for Kindergarten to 8th grade.

## PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION

We have an active Parent-Teacher Organization. Our parents are supportive and energetically work to offer financial support to our school through a variety of planned events. Our parent organization also facilitates school events which supports community building among our families.

Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School was nominated for the T.V. show KRON 4 Best of the Bay. If you missed our debut, please go to our website and click on the Best of the Bay icon.



# HIGHLIGHTS

- Kindergarten is a full day, developmentally appropriate class.
- We have para-professionals on staff to assist students.
- Junior High students experience departmental courses with educators who have specific expertise in their subject area. Our junior high students rotate from class to class which is excellent preparation for high school.
- A K - 8 Spanish program.
- All students have access to our computer lab/ mobile laptops.
- State-of-the-Art educational technology available to students K - 8.
- A spacious library available for student use.
- Rhythm and Moves provides a physical education program for Pre-K to 8.
- A fully functional Science Lab is available for grades K to 8.
- A Visual Fine Arts program taught to our Junior High students in an up to date art studio.
- For more information regarding our Laura Vicuña Pre-K, contact Director, Barbara Simons, at: [prek@sspeterpaulsf.org](mailto:prek@sspeterpaulsf.org)



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS



Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School provides extended care for grades K through 2 for a fee. Extended care allows students time to finish homework and to participate in organized activities in a well supervised environment. We also provide complimentary extended care thirty minutes before school begins.

The School also provides an opportunity for those students who wish to participate in Jazz Dance, Mandarin, and Academic Chess on a pay to participate basis.

SSPP is closely affiliated with the Salesian Boys' and Girls' Club which facilitates CYO and other league sports and activities. For more information, please visit: <http://www.salesianclub.org>



Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Western Catholic Educational Association.



# SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS



## ACTIVE CHRISTIANS WHO

- participate regularly at Mass, liturgical prayer services and sacramental programs.
- are in the process of developing a moral conscience demonstrating good behavior toward others.
- offer service to address the needs of family, school and community.
- understand the spirit and teachings of Salesian Leaders.

## MOTIVATED LIFE LONG LEARNERS WHO



- exhibit a strong foundation in core subjects.
- think critically, solve problems independently and develop intellectual curiosity.
- understand the importance of organization and study skills for the realization of academic goals.
- are creative and have been provided opportunities to develop life-long appreciation for the humanities and fine arts.
- are developing an understanding of what contributes to good physical and mental health.



## RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS WHO

- by learning to respect the school campus, students learn to respect the environment and become stewards of the planet.
- enhance self-esteem and self-discipline which are reflected in acceptable social behavior, good manners and an awareness of the needs of others.
- demonstrate responsibility and display leadership qualities, tolerance and respect; and work cooperatively with others.

## EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS WHO



- are able to express written and verbal thoughts clearly, listen for comprehension, and speak publicly with confidence.
- exhibit manners and appropriate etiquette for all occasions.
- use technology responsibly and effectively.

## PROBLEM SOLVERS WHO



- resolve conflicts peacefully by demonstrating empathy and good judgment.
- work independently and collaboratively to create solutions to problems.
- respect and appreciate different points of view and perspectives.

# LAURA VICUÑA PRE-KINDERGARTEN

By Barbara Simons

The Laura Vicuña Pre-Kindergarten, under the direction of Barbara Simons, is celebrating its twenty-third year. We are grateful for the return of our stellar staff including Diana Phung, Abby Herget, Natalia Tiches, and Cindy Choi. For the 2010-11 year, the Pre-K is pleased to welcome SSPP alumnus and long-time parishioner, Frances Emmons, '80 to our team. Frances is hardworking, has a great sense of humor and is loved by the children.

We also welcome Valerie Salvetti, a certified yoga instructor, who comes once weekly to teach yoga to the class, helping them with both focus and balance. Namaste, Pre-K!

Once again, we are fortunate to be at capacity with twenty-five students, most of whom will be entering SSPP Kindergarten in the fall. Our recent open house was an overwhelming success and will assure a full class for the next school year.



Parades, as many of you may know, are a favorite activity of the Pre-K. Chinese New Year was brought in by the Pre-K lion dancers and our annual Dr. Seuss parade took place on March 4th. St. Martin's Day, a German holiday celebrating compassion and giving, was celebrated by the Pre-K by making lanterns, performing a song, and having a lantern parade in our school gym. Plans are under way for robot-making with our 8th grade buddies. Their creations will be proudly presented at our annual robot parade in the Spring.

For more information, including photos of class activities, please visit our vibrant new website (thank you Pre-K parent Lisa Elliot) at [www.sspeterpaulsf.org/prek](http://www.sspeterpaulsf.org/prek).

## SALESIAN SERVICE-LEARNING 2010-2011

By Harriet Schatz, MFT



Six years seem to have flown by since Annie Konstin and I began facilitating the Salesian Service-Learning Committee at our school. In 2004, when Sr. Rachel Crotti was the Vice Principal, she was determined to get this group off and running, and we did. Over the past years, we have attempted to serve people in our community as best we could. Mostly we do collection drives that enable the

students and families to reach out to people in need. We become acutely aware of our abundant blessings when we are asked to give "One Warm Coat" to someone who is cold or to give away our outgrown Halloween costumes or our gently used books. It is really such a simple act of kindness and the Salesian Service-Learning Committee has taken on the role of coordinating those reminders for everyone at SSPP.

More than a year ago, the mom of two of our students told us about a work colleague who had friends in Texas who were building a library in the Philippines. She told us that the library would serve hundreds of kids who couldn't get to a library because they lived too many miles from the nearest one. We collected hundreds of gently used books, as we do annually, and they were donated to the Philippines. This last June, we received a photo album with pictures of the new library. It's a great feeling to know that we played even the smallest part in making that vision a reality.

Each year we go to the San Francisco Food Bank at least four times. School families are invited to work a three hour shift on a Sunday and help sort and package thousands of pounds

of food so that thousands of people are able to get some of the basic food to survive these tougher economic times.

Last year we began our Semi-Annual "New2You" collection and fundraising sale. We asked for donations of previously worn, costume jewelry. We sold each piece for \$5.00 and gift wrapped it for students and parents to give to others. This was a wonderful exercise in Reduce-Recycle-Reuse in that the jewelry gets to be reused by a new owner. In our first year we raised more than \$1000. We were able to donate that money to Missions in the Pacific Rim and to survivors of the Haitian earthquake. It's too soon to say how the 2nd Semi-Annual sale will go, but I'm confident that generosity will prevail.

We continue to look for new hands-on service work in the community and this year we will add beach cleanup days. It is a great privilege to work with students outside the academic classroom and get them involved in helping others. Of course, our hope is that once students participate in a Salesian Service-Learning Committee project, they will begin a lifetime of being committed to making a contribution to their community in whatever ways they can. No act of kindness is too small!

(Harriet Schatz is the Child and Family Counselor at SSPP and has been there for the past 20 years. She also has a private practice in Pacific Heights in San Francisco.)

# 91ST ANNUAL COLUMBUS DAY BAZAAR

By Scott Hernandez, Bazaar Chairman

The Columbus Day Bazaar was a great success this year. We had a noteworthy attendance and there were plenty of good times to be had by visitors and Saints Peter and Paul families alike. Overhead, in the clear blue skies, streaked the Blue Angels faster than the speed of sound, zooming by and accompanied by the 'ooohs' and 'ahhs' from onlookers. The event, as usual, was also a sight to see and was a major crowd pleaser!

The booths, games and festivities started early in the morning and continued well into the evening. During the Bazaar, there were great sounds from local musicians and delicious food prepared by dedicated volunteers. Everything ran like clockwork thanks to the tireless efforts of all those who participated.

The proceeds from this year's Bazaar, as in years past, will be used toward the enrichment of programs to benefit SSPP School children. Through the fundraising efforts at SSPP, Smart technology has been introduced.

We have been blessed by the generous donation of goods and services from local businesses. The spirit of family and community is the driving force behind our most precious of treasures - the students of SSPP. The event continues to be one of inspiration and hope!

Thanks to everyone for all of their hard work this year and we are looking forward to another successful event next year!



## A STROLL DOWN MEMORY LANE: SSPP DANCE

By Dana Wayne and Claudia Fernando



Last year Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School took "A Stroll Down Memory Lane" celebrating our 10 year anniversary of dance under the leadership of Ms. Dana Wayne. In addition to our students, we welcomed the Hillsdale High School dancers under the direction of Sabrina Braccini, the De Marillac Academy dancers under the direction of SSPP Salesian School alumni Tessa Paoli '06 and Franchesca Santos-Cucalon '06. A group of alumni: Cryssa Martinez, '03, Brandi Allan, '09, Alessandra Fernando, '09, Anna Lee, '09, Hayley Murphy, '09, and Elizabeth Silva, '09 returned to SSPP for an encore performance. If you missed last year's performance, we hope you can join us on Saturday, May 14th for this year's dance program "TV Land."

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

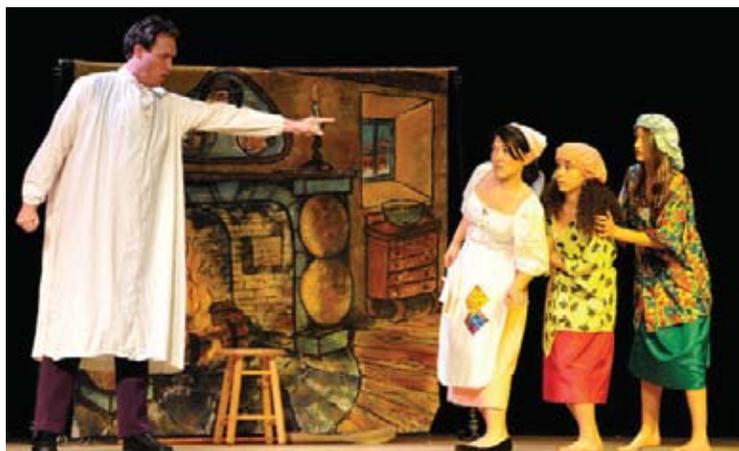
By Sr. Debbie Walker, FMA

Christmas comes to Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School. The annual Christmas program was held on December 16, 2010 in our beautiful Church. Music was under the direction of Mr. Billy Philadelphia with a special school choir performance under the direction of Mr. Charles Corum. Traditional Christmas carols were sung by our Pre-K through 8th grade students. We continued the tradition of having our 8th grade students reenact the Nativity Story with a special appearance by baby Anna Manfreda (sister of Michael Manfreda in Kindergarten and daughter of alumni Vince Manfreda '84 and Anita Yee '89) who played baby Jesus. The evening ended with our entire school and audience singing Silent Night, Joy to the World and We Wish You A Merry Christmas.



# SAN FRANCISCO OPERA AND SSPP

By Sandy Wayne



On Friday, November 19, 2010, the San Francisco Opera returned to Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School to perform

“La Cenerentola” (Cinderella). As in the past, members of our eighth grade class joined the professional opera members in eight roles. Rachel Harris and Matilde Begliomini took on the roles of Clorinda and Tisbe, Cinderella’s mean spirited stepsisters. Orlando Diaz portrayed Alidoro, the wise tutor to Prince Ramiro and Cinderella’s protector. Tyler DiGrande played the Court herald and Frankie Lewis and Declan Ebeling played courtiers. The two footmen, played by Carlo Ballare and Giovanni Escobar did a fine job changing stage sets and scenes. SSPP Choir, under the direction of Mr. Charles Corum, performed two musical numbers during the Opera. The entire school attended the performance and all had a fine time. SSPP has been participating in this event for about six years. Every year the school receives rave reviews from the Opera Guild docents regarding how well prepared our student performers are, how well behaved our audience is, and what meaningful questions our students ask regarding the opera stars and opera in general.

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

By Sandy Wayne

On Friday, January 28, 2011, our annual “Grandparent’s Day” kicked off a week of celebration at Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School. Grandparents joined their grandchildren for a performance by several of our most talented students, a visit to the classrooms, and a delicious luncheon. On January 29, our annual “Open House” kicked off Catholic Schools Week with a bang. The school looked fantastic with all the walls showing off the spectacular work produced by our talented students. Monday was Salesian Appreciation Day and started off with a Mass recognizing our priests, brothers, and sisters. We then all shared a “school family” lunch and ended the day with an exciting pep rally later in the afternoon. Tuesday was “Academic Day” and teachers created academic games to play with their students in all of their classes.



Wednesday started with “Career Day” in the morning. About ten parents and alumni met with kindergarten through eighth grade classes and discussed individual careers. At lunch time parent volunteers monitored the classes so teachers could enjoy a lovely luncheon together. Thursday ended the week of fun and excitement with a movie for the entire school and an afternoon of field day games celebrating Saint John Bosco Day. As you can see, life is never dull at SSPP.

# ST. JOHN BOSCO RELIC

By Sr. Debbie Walker, FMA



As the Salesian world prepares for the bicentennial of Don Bosco's birth, a relic of the founder of the Salesian Society and the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians is making a trip through the five continents. The relic, incased in a likeness of St. John Bosco, came to Saints Peter and Paul Parish and School on September 12, 2010. North Beach was the first stop for the reliquary in the United States since this was the first place the Salesians came to minister in the states.

A crowd of parishioners and the Salesian family welcomed Don Bosco at 2:00 a.m. in front of the church. There was a constant stream of visitors throughout the weekend to pray to St. John Bosco. Each mass on Sunday was celebrated with great solemnity. The SSPP children animated the 12:00 Noon parish mass. A school sponsored reception was held in the gym for all in attendance.

At the 9 a.m. school mass on Monday, September 13th, SSPP students served as an honor guard while the relic was transferred into the care of the Corpus Christi Church community. Filbert Street was lined with SSSP students waving colorful bandanas and flags. St. John Bosco was escorted via caravan through the city to Corpus Christi.

## FINE ARTS

By Abby Herget

The Fine Arts room is filling up with creative projects designed by the Junior High artists, under the direction of Ms. Abby Herget, Fine Arts

Instructor. Projects and homework for Sixth and Seventh Grades mirror topics in Social Studies. The Fall, in order to appreciate ancient cave artists, the Sixth Grade drew mammoths and mastodons on our own paper cave walls – in the dark! Sixth Grade has also made Mayan carvings and golden Egyptian tomb boxes. The Seventh Grade started the year with one of our favorite topics, Greek mythology. The class created clever collages of classical mythological monsters. This group has also made Aztec faux-turquoise ritual masks and written poems about their artwork. In Eighth Grade, the students are

starting a unit on stage set design. They are making their own miniature three-dimensional sets, complete with movable

characters. Each student has selected a scene from a favorite book or short story. The Eighth Grade students will visit other grades and perform with their set models. Finally, this year also has included a fun and eye-opening field trip to the deYoung Museum to see three exhibits, including the Post-Impressionism show. All Junior High students had drawn and studied paintings by Van Gogh, Gauguin, Bonnard and other artists in that show prior to our visit. They also sketched at the museum and outside in the park. The Junior



High Fine Arts classes had a beautiful, inspiring day of seeing masterpieces and making their own great art.

## SSPP ADVISORY BOARD

By DR. LISA HARRIS

In February 2010, a School Advisory Board was formed. The board is comprised of alumni, parishioners, interested members of the community and the School Leadership Team. The purpose of the Board is to create and implement long-range plans for the school in the areas of Finance, Marketing, Technology, Spiritual Formation, and School Programs. The Board has met four times and they continue to consult for the on-going success of our School. Our board members are: Valerie Chan, Sabrina Chin, Claudia Fernando, Leandro Fernando, Kristine Gee, Patrick Gee, Dr. Lisa Harris, Fr. John Itzaina, Frank Lavin, Sally McDonald, Rod Ordoña, Shirley Ordoña, Lou Pinotti, Richard Rosemont, Janet Ross, Valentina Simi, Yvonne Soracco, Joseph Toy, Sr. Debbie Walker, Sandra Wayne, and Allan Wong.

# NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE

By Sylvana Caccia

On January 5, 2011, ten students from grades 4-8 competed in the school National Geography Bee. The ten finalists were: Linda Chang and Collin Tarleton (Gr.4), Jonathan Fong and Juan David Simonyi (Gr. 5), Jordan Gunter and Jacob Marinko (Gr. 6), Anibal Gonzalez and Joseph Werblun (Gr.7), Declan Ebeling and Frankie Lewis (Gr. 8). These ten finalists were selected during preliminary rounds held in each homeroom by the classroom teacher. They were asked questions about world geography, physical geography and the United States to mention just a few. There were seven rounds and the top two students from each grade became the finalists. On January 5, students once again answered questions (some orally, some in written form) until it came down to three students out of the ten. The three students were Anibal Gonzalez, Frankie Lewis and Joseph Werblun. The final school winner was Frankie Lewis. On that same day, Frankie took a qualifying written test which was then mailed to the National Geographic Society. In March, Frankie will find out if his score on the written test was high enough to allow him to compete at the state level. Good luck, Frankie, and congratulations!



# ACADEMIC JUNIOR HIGH DECATHLON

By Maria Gunter

Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School participated in its 7th Academic Junior High Decathlon along with 19 other schools in the San Francisco Archdiocese on March 5, 2011.

The Academic Junior High Decathlon is a competition for students in grades 6-8. Decathletes compete in ten events. Two are collaborative team efforts – a logic quiz with 20 rigorous thinking problems and a super quiz with 50 multiple choice questions on five broad academic themes. This year, our team became experts on The American Dream, Great Scientists, Michelangelo, the writings of Ruth White, and World Youth Day Madrid. A smaller group of eight students were tested on their individual knowledge of the Roman Catholic doctrine,



English, Literature, Science, Mathematics, Current Events, Social Studies, and Fine Arts. Medals and trophies were awarded for individual and team performance. The winning school team from each geographic diocese competes in a state championship the first Saturday of May.

Our team did incredibly well this year with second place in the Super Quiz and fourth overall. Sarah O'Connell, eighth grade, placed first in the individual literature category.

We are extremely proud of our decathletes and preparations are already underway for next year's competition!

# SPELLING BEE

By Sr. Debbie Walker

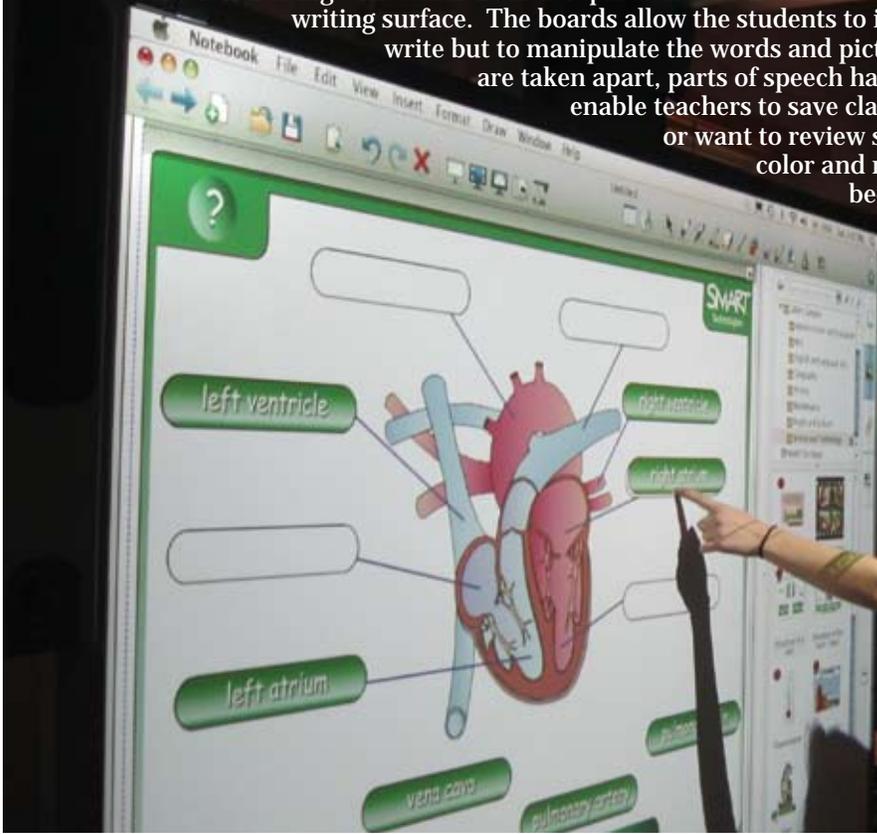


On December 10th, our school audience was captivated by our annual Spelling Bee. Sixty students from grades 3 through 8 participated. After multiple rounds, the final two contestants were 8th graders Matilde Begliomini and Sarah O'Connell. They went head to head for several more rounds when finally Sarah O'Connell was declared champion. After our competition, Sarah moved on to the citywide competition. Good luck, Sarah!

# NEW SMART BOARDS AND MATHLETICS

By Tom Boles

Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School has added SmartBoards to the classroom with the help from generous fundraising. The SmartBoards replace the blackboard or white board but it is far more than just a fancy writing surface. The boards allow the students to interact with the content by not only being able to write but to manipulate the words and pictures with just a touch; maps are drawn on, fractions are taken apart, parts of speech have new life and so much more. The boards also enable teachers to save class notes for students that may have missed a lesson or want to review something covered in class. With the addition of color and new teacher creativity, the eye of the student has been focused on the content of class in a completely new way. The students are excited and we are excited to see what they can do next!



SSPP has been fortunate to add Mathletics to its co-curricular programs. Students are able to review, practice and master math concepts for their grade level. Mathletics is a website designed to motivate students to practice basic math facts. With content from Kindergarten through high school, teachers can assign specific concepts to be reviewed and the students can work at their own pace. One component of the program is that students can compare their scores with other students worldwide. Between the class driven content and the skills tests the students can earn points, certificates and meet challenges from the site. Mathletics has been proven to increase test scores, general knowledge and the students are having fun doing it. Go SSPP Mathletes!

## READ ACROSS AMERICA

By Betty Garthwaite

The National Education Association's annual celebration of reading, Read Across America, came to Sts. Peter and Paul's on March 4, 2011. More than forty volunteer readers arrived at school with book in hand to read to small groups of students in Pre-K through Eighth. The buildup to the great day began on Dr. Seuss's birthday, March 2, at SSPP where Cat in the Hat hats were raffled off, one to each grade. Students were invited to wear their hats through the week in anticipation of Read Across America. During Morning Assembly on March 4, the Laura Vicuna Pre-K paraded through the Gym carrying placards of Dr. Seuss characters and Happy Birthday wishes. During the two lunch periods following the classroom reading sessions, all the students sang rousing renditions of the birthday song to Dr. Seuss and enjoyed cake provided by Mr. Sylvano Biondi. Thank you to Judy Najera and her team--Macy Ciriaco-Fisher, Martha White, Mrs. Linda Machi and Antoinette Machi for our PTO sponsored volunteer reader reception.

First Grade Teacher Mrs. Jasmin Cuneo shared the top three titles for First Graders this year were *The Cat in the Hat*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, and *One fish two fish red fish blue fish*. The First Graders' favorites are, not surprisingly, national favorites. Random House publishes Dr. Seuss's books, many through their Beginner Books division. There we find *Green Eggs and Ham*, the best-selling title, written using fifty different words! *The Cat in the Hat* is in second place, followed by two more Beginner Books: *One fish two fish red fish blue fish* and *Hop on Pop*.

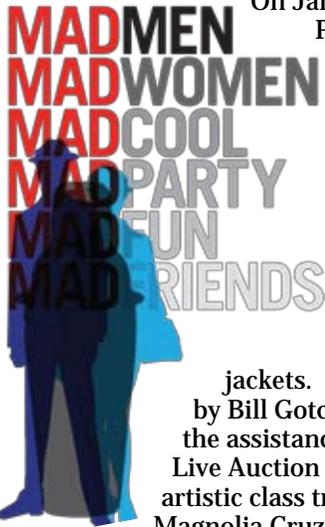


You might want to check out the biography of Dr. Seuss by Judith and Neil Morgan, *Dr. Seuss & Mr. Geisel*. Maybe even visit [Seussville.com](http://Seussville.com) for games, activities, book lists, and more.

Thank you to all our volunteer readers, we couldn't do it without you.

# MAD MEN PTO FUNDRAISER

By Dr. Lisa Harris



On January 22nd, Saints Peter and Paul Parent Teacher Organization hosted their annual fundraiser at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club. The venue was transformed into a 1950/60's cocktail soiree a la AMC's Emmy and Golden Globe winning series, Mad Men. Who could have imagined that our SSPP parents would waltz into the party wearing fur stoles, French twists and dashing dinner jackets. The audience was brought to life by Bill Gotch leading our Live Auction with the assistance of his lovely wife, Cheri. The Live Auction was a huge success due to the artistic class treasurers. A big thank you to Magnolia Cruz, our Silent Auction coordinator.

The party goes danced to the tunes of the Mad Dads. Who knew there was so much talent at SSPP. Check out our website where



Johnny Grace created a photo montage which captured the essence of the evening. Hats off to Jamie Cherry, our Event Chair and the P.T.O. officers who served as her support staff. A great night was had by all.

# SSPP FASHION SHOW

By Claudia Fernando



Glitz and Glamour came to Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School on March 12th. This year's faculty sponsored fashion show highlighted clothing from Wee Scotty and Pink Blossom. The attendees enjoyed a fabulous meal prepared by our very own Chef Paul Riley. Parents had an opportunity to bid on items of "time, talent and treasure" donated by the faculty and staff. Parents also had an opportunity to shop at Cookie Lee Jewelry, Beauticontrol, Amy Schwab Designs and jewelry by Natasha Ansted. It was a glamorous afternoon.

# EIGHTH GRADE SPRING PLAY

The Class of 2011 will be presenting a selection of Aesop's Fables for their Spring Play on Friday, April 15th. The Spring Play has become a much anticipated tradition for our 8th Grade students. Mr. Paul Riley produces and directs the play with the assistance of Sandra Wayne. The entire 8th Grade participates in the production, whether acting, producing, coordinating costumes, set design and working with tech. The play never fails to entertain and delight audiences young and old.

# OUR GRADUATES

## SSPP CLASS OF 2011

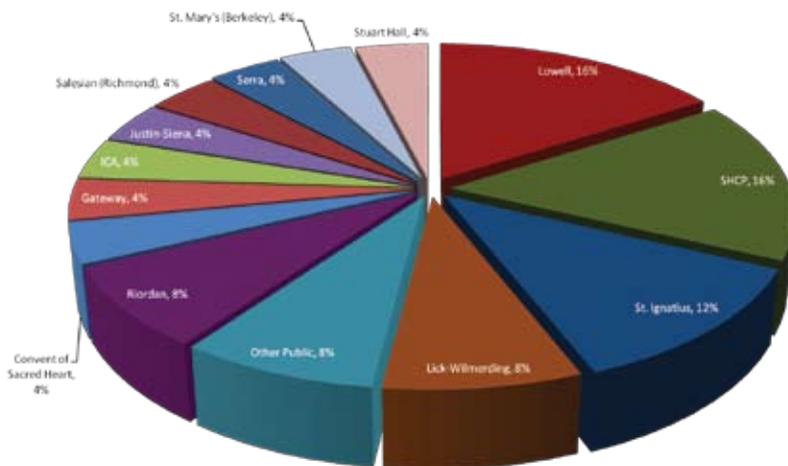


The Class of 2011 has made us proud. We are delighted to share with you that the Eighth Grade students of Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School have had a remarkable high school recruiting season. The graph below illustrates the schools where our students were accepted and where they will be attending. Congratulations to the SSPP Class of 2011!

### THE SSPP CLASS OF 2011 WAS ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOLS

- ARCHBISHOP RIORDAN HIGH SCHOOL
- THE BAY SCHOOL OF SAN FRANCISCO
- CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL
- CRYSTAL SPRINGS UPLANDS SCHOOL
- DREW SCHOOL
- GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL
- HOLY NAMES HIGH SCHOOL, OAKLAND
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ACADEMY
- INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL OF SAN FRANCISCO
- JUNIPERO SERRA HIGH SCHOOL, SAN MATEO
- JUSTIN-SIENA HIGH SCHOOL, NAPA
- LICK-WILMERDING HIGH SCHOOL
- LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL
- MARIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
- MERCY HIGH SCHOOL, BURLINGAME
- MERCY HIGH SCHOOL, SAN FRANCISCO
- SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PREPARATORY
- SAINTE IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREPARATORY
- SAINTE MARY'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL, BERKELEY
- SALESIAN HIGH SCHOOL, RICHMOND
- STUART HALL HIGH SCHOOL
- THE URBAN SCHOOL OF SAN FRANCISCO

### SSPP HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR THE FALL OF 2011



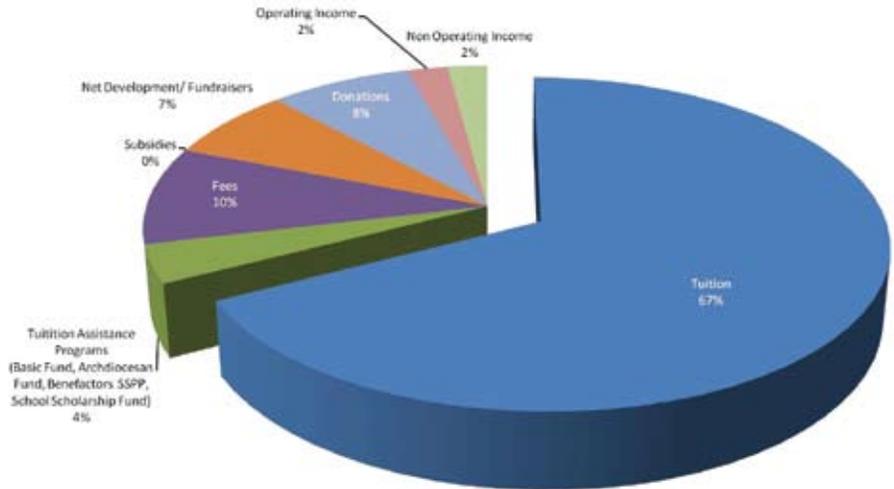
# SSPP FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School Income Statement 2009-2010

### Actual Revenue

Tuition	\$1,297,801
Tuition Assistance Programs (Basic Fund, Archdiocesan Fund, Benefactors SSPP, School Scholarship Fund)	74,251
Fees	188,775
Subsidies	-
Net Development/ Fundraisers	137,742
Donations	148,738
Operating Income	42,228
Non Operating Income	<u>41,559</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,931,094</b>

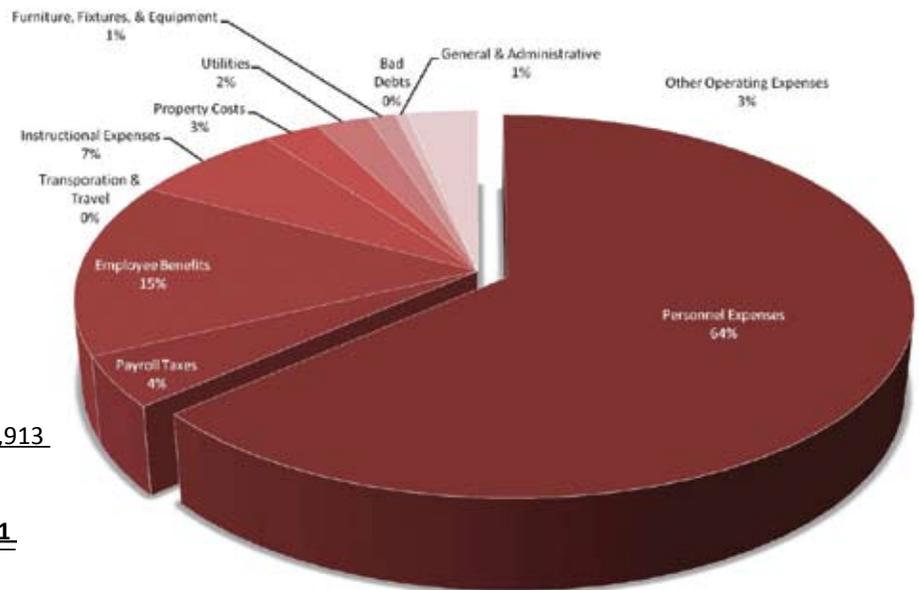
### SSPP ACTUAL REVENUE 2009-2010



### Actual Expenses

Personnel Expenses	\$1,197,397
Payroll Taxes	81,569
Employee Benefits	281,264
Transportation & Travel	-
Instructional Expenses	132,139
Property Costs	49,126
Utilities	45,824
Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment	24,405
Bad Debts	-
General & Administrative	10,450
Other Operating Expenses	<u>61,739</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,883,913</b>

### SSPP ACTUAL EXPENSES 2009-2010



**Net Income** **\$47,181**

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