Dear Students,

Congratulations! You have completed another year on your academic journey. It was a year filled with many activities and adventures. As I perused the yearbook before it was sent off to press, I was happily surprised to see the pictures that illustrated how well rounded your year was here at Saints Peter and Paul School.

Balance is an art that we must practice as we journey through life. We need to eat, sleep, study, and play in a well-balanced fashion. When we overdo any of these activities, we don’t feel like our best selves. The faculty, staff and administration hope that we have taught you lessons that will serve you well as you move on in your life. As I reflect back on the year we have spent together, I am confident that you have been given excellent tools to carry you through the adventures that lie ahead.

As you look toward the summer for some rest and relaxation, I urge you to take a few moments to think about what your goals and expectations are for the new school year. It is important to set some goals for yourself and to work toward accomplishing them. Be practical, be realistic, but also be brave about what you would like your next school year to look like. Remember that, “Knowledge is power.” (Sir Francis Bacon)

I wish you all a beautiful summer and be assured your teachers and I will be planning a year filled with a balance between work and play, seriousness and laughter. “Success is a journey, not a destination,” (Ben Scotland) so be prepared for the ride. In the spirit of Saint John Bosco, know that you are loved …..

Warmest Regards,

Dr. Lisa Harris

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AUDREY KELLY

Mrs. Audrey Kelly is one of the great shakers and movers at Saints Peter and Paul School. We want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Kelly for all of the work that she does on behalf of Saints Peter and Paul School.

We thank Audrey for taking a leadership role in facilitating the Columbus Bazaar. The Bazaar is a joint fundraiser for the Church and the School and Audrey works with both groups to ensure that the event is a success. Audrey leads by example, and we all want to be part of her team. With her calm and matter of fact approach the jobs get done and everyone seems to have a great time while they are working.

Our School Library has also had a complete facelift thanks to Audrey’s vision. We are very grateful to the people who said “yes” when Audrey knocked at their doors. With Audrey’s guidance the Library has been redesigned to offer more open space and new books, of course. Audrey has a talent for getting things done quietly and swiftly. Audrey is the rare person who can compel people to join work projects and make the experience pleasant, rewarding, and efficient.

We thank Audrey Kelly for her excellent leadership, vision, and commitment to Saints Peter and Paul School.

You are a STAR !!!!

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear Sts. Peter and Paul School Students,

You live in an amazing world! It is a world of an interesting past, engaging present, and a hopeful future.

In the February 2013 issue of National Geographic there is a short article on satellite archaeology where infrared satellite images enable archaeologists to discover ancient towns and help us learn about people who lived many years ago. The past helps us in the present to improve how we live and relate to each other.

Another article is about the comeback of the river otters of England after years of bad chemicals that wrecked their food chain and natural habitat. The comeback of the river otters helps us understand that what we do now is inseparably linked to the future.

Finally, there was an article on the uses of venom, where scientists are unlocking its medical potential for the prevention of heart disease, autoimmune diseases, diabetes, cancer, and pain relief. The very toxins and venom that cause death are also valuable for promoting the quality of life. While we should avoid black mambas, the Pacific stonefish with its venomous dorsal fins, and Gila monsters, here is an untapped bounty for developing drugs that help sick people get better. What a wonderful and hopeful future!

You are growing up in this interesting, engaging, and hopeful world. Be mindful of the past. Be committed to your family, school, and church. Be responsible and interactive, for the future is what you make of it.

Fr. John Itzaina, SDB.
Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Church and School
**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.”

**Mission Statement**

Saints 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.”

**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 support community building among our families.

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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 including SMARTBoards, iPads and document cameras available to students K - 8.
• A spacious, newly renovated library available for student use.
• Rhythym 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

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.

SALESIAN BOYS’ AND GIRLS’ CLUB

SSPP is closely affiliated with the Salesian Boys’ and Girls’ Club which facilitates CYO and other league sports, a theater arts program, Tae Kwon Do classes, guitar lessons and a four day/week tutoring program.

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

**Problem Solvers**
- Are peacemakers.
- Work independently and collaboratively.
- Listen to the ideas of others respectfully.

**Responsible Citizens**
- Respect the environment and are stewards of the planet.
- Respect themselves and others displaying positive social behavior.
- Demonstrate leadership qualities.

**Active Christians**
- Pray and participate at Mass and in the sacraments.
- Have a moral conscience, are kind to others and make good choices.
- Live the Salesian family spirit.

**Involved Individuals**
- Make choices for a healthy mind, body and soul.
- Share their knowledge, gifts and talents.
- Act responsibly at home, school and in the community.

**Successful Life Long Learners**
- Communicate and think critically.
- Are organized and have good study skills.
- Are excited and motivated to learn.

**Effective Communicators**
- Listen carefully and read, write and speak clearly.
- Demonstrate good manners.
- Use technology responsibly and effectively.
The Laura Vicuña Pre-K Celebrates Its Silver Anniversary

By Barbara Simons

The Laura Vicuña Pre-K is the oldest pre-kindergarten program in the San Francisco Archdiocese. Since it opened in 1987, more than 600 children have enjoyed their introduction to Catholic education. The Pre-K has earned a positive reputation throughout the community.

On Friday, December 7, 2012, we celebrated our twenty-fifth anniversary, hosting an elegant fundraiser cocktail party. The event took place in the beautifully decorated Sts. Peter and Paul School gymnasium. Past and present parents of Pre-K students, parishioners, former students and friends enjoyed an evening filled with good memories, fine food and holiday music. Local businesses and parishioners were extremely generous in providing time, goods and money to help make the event a success. Fabulous hors d’oeuvres were prepared by Pre-K parent and chef, Mike Koenig. Desserts were donated by Victoria Pastry. A unique pomegranate cocktail was created for the event by another Pre-K parent, Adam Richey, the bar manager of Original Joe’s. Musical entertainment was provided by two former Pre-K students, Brian Tom and Francesco Trogu, both accomplished pianists. Sts. Peter and Paul graduate Patrick Gee, an experienced photographer, took hundreds of photographs. The Pre-K alum currently attending Sts. Peter and Paul School contributed to the décor by creating individual pennants with their name, face and the year they attended the Pre-K. Graduates of the program, now in high school, performed admirably as wait staff.

Proceeds raised through ticket sales, a silent auction and donations will go toward the completion of the Pre-K play yard renovation. Current plans include adding a water fountain, purchasing new equipment and freshening up the paint.

I, as co-founder and Director, expressed my deepest appreciation to everyone who helped with the event. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Saints Peter and Paul Principal, Dr. Lisa Harris, the Pre-K Staff – Abby Herget, Diana Phung, Cindy Choi, Natalia Tiches and Frances Emmons, and the following parents, Jill Standlee, April Sarraille, and Andrea Crawford. Pre-K Photos by Patrick M. Gee ’86 - www.pmgphotography.net

SSPP Celebrates Christmas Around the World

By: Sr. Debbie Walker, FMA

Representing Italy, our 4th Grade students sang the Italian Christmas Carol “Tu Scendi dalle Stelle” (You Come Down from the Stars). In all, ten countries were represented by SSPP students.

Thank you to Mr. Peter Curley (Senan, Kindergarten and Evia, Grade 4) for organizing the St. Patrick’s Day Massacre Bike Ride. The event brought in $8,000 which will help fund our Art in Action Program.
IN LOVING MEMORY - LINDA MACHI

By: Sr. Kathleen Gibson, FMA

Mrs. Linda Machi, Linda Theresa Curreri, was born on April 16, 1929. She was the fifth child of a family of six. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Giuseppa Curreri immigrated to the United States from the town of Sciaccia in Sicily, Italy. When they left the town of Sciaccia, Sicily, Mrs. Curreri made a promise to their town patron, St. Calogero, that once she made it to the United States, she would continue her support in honor of San Calogero. This promise was kept and when she died, her husband continued to fulfill his wife’s wish. When Linda’s father passed away, she promised to continue her mother’s promise to San Calogero. Every year, Linda would collect $600.00 to $700.00 dollars from her family and friends and present it to the parish of St. Peter and Paul’s Church on behalf of her Mother’s commitment and promise.

Linda grew up in the North Beach area on Chestnut Street and attended Sarah B. Cooper School, Hancock School, Francisco Jr. High School and continued at Galileo High School where she took a liking for the secretarial studies. This field of secretarial work opened for Linda a wonderful future of opportunities. After graduation she was fortunate to be hired to work for the Examiner Newspaper. She was given the assignment to write the page of the Obituaries.

It was some years into her work, that she met Frank Machi. They were married at Saint Peter and Paul’s Church, April 10, 1948. After they were married they still lived in the North Beach area and became faithful members of Saint Peter and Paul’s Church. They had two children, a girl, Antonette and a son, Mario.

Her husband, Frank was involved in the church in the various societies and parish fund raising events. Linda was always there to help in these events and never tired of working for the parish. She put her heart into everything she did at home and also at Saint Peter and Paul’s Cafeteria during the lunches of the students. She made sure everyone had what they needed and a good word and smile for each child. Linda would arrive at 7:30 a.m. each morning, at the school cafeteria and then go into the gym to visit the parents, teachers and sisters at the Good Morning Assemblies.

Linda always kept herself busy and knitting was one of her most enjoyable pastimes. She was known by the family for making beautiful afghans, scarves and designed covered coat hangers, which she in turn gave to her family, friends and to charitable causes.

It goes without saying, that her family, the school community and all members of Sts. Peter and Paul Church have been enriched by Linda Machi’s presence. In appreciation, we return to her grateful thoughts and prayerful remembrances.

IN LOVING MEMORY - FR. JOHN J. MALLOY, S.D.B.

Fr. John J. Malloy, SDB, 91, passed away on Wednesday morning, March 27, 2013, at St. Mary’s Hospital, San Francisco. He had been a Salesian religious for 72 years and a Catholic priest for almost 63 years.

John Malloy was born in Berkeley, California, March 17, 1922, the son of Charles and Agnes Malloy who had moved to California after their marriage in Lima, Ohio, in 1917. John was baptized on the 19th of March, 1922, at St. Ambrose Church, Berkeley. Fr. Malloy has four living sisters: Louise, Mary, Catherine and Margaret, his twin, and his brother Joseph. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Richard and his sister Rita. A host of family members mourn his death and celebrate his life.

The growing family moved to San Pablo, California, in 1929, where John Malloy met the Salesians at their House of Studies in Richmond, CA. In 1935, he joined the high school seminary of the Salesians in Richmond and graduated from high school in 1939.

In September, 1939, John Malloy was accepted into the Salesian Novitiate at Don Bosco College, Newton, NJ. On Sept. 8, 1940, he pronounced his first religious vows. In 1943, after studies in philosophy, he received his B.A. degree. From 1943 to 1946 he taught at St. John Bosco High School, Bellflower and the Salesian House of Studies, Richmond. In the Fall of 1946, he was admitted to the Pontificio Ateneo Salesiano, in Turin, Italy, for theological studies. In 1950, he was awarded a S.T. L. in theology and was ordained a priest July 2, 1950, in Turin.

His first assignments as a young priest were in the Salesian schools of California. In 1952, he became principal of St. John Bosco High School, Bellflower, and later principal of Bishop Mora Salesian High School, Los Angeles.

In the 1960’s, he was assigned, also, to help with leadership in the Salesian province of San Francisco. In 1965, he was appointed Provincial of the western province and in 1967, transferred to Provincial of the larger Salesian province in eastern United States. In 1973, he returned to California as President of Don Bosco Technical Institute, Rosemead, and in 1979, returned to Salesian High School, Richmond, converting the all-boys school to a co-educational Catholic high school. In 1990, John Malloy became pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Surrey, near Vancouver, Canada. His administrative skills and his pastoral zeal added new life to the parish including his building of a youth center which influenced the lives of young people in the area.

In 2001, he returned to San Francisco as Pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish, San Francisco. In this multi-cultural parish, he called the parishioners to a greater sense of unity and cooperation. He supported the Archdiocese in all its activities including the Right to Life annual appeal. The last years of his life were spent at Salesian High School, Richmond, very close to the area of his childhood.

Rest in Peace our Dear Father John.
12th Annual Dance Show
By Dana Wayne

On May 11th our dancers were showcased in our 13th Annual Dance show. In honor of Dick Clark, this year’s theme was “A Tribute to American Bandstand.” One hundred and five dancers from Pre-K to grade 8, plus our alumni, dazzled the audience with dances from the 1950’s to the present.

Columbus Day Bazaar
By Audrey Kelly

The 93rd Annual Columbus Day Bazaar, held under blue skies and Blue Angels, served up great family fun and entertainment for all who celebrated Italian heritage and culture with us during one of the busiest weekends in San Francisco. Thank you to all who worked so hard to keep the tradition going and growing!

Our beloved annual gathering benefiting Sts. Peter & Paul Salesian School, Church and the Laura Vicuna Pre-Kindergarten is a great success due to the dedication and effort of our many volunteers. We continue to be blessed by generous donations from numerous local businesses who support the Bazaar by contributing their time, talent, goods and services. Our students are being well prepared to serve the community thanks to the special programs funded by the proceeds from our two day event.

Saturday is traditionally a day of families coming by for barbecue, grilled Italian sausage or Chinese cuisine for lunch, and games both inside and out. Tunes from local musicians keep the crowd lively and the Blue Angels put on a great show up above. Win a gift certificate from a restaurant or shop in the neighborhood and you’re in good company.

Sunday is the day of reunions for families and friends who return to visit every year. The Italian Heritage Parade, another longtime city tradition, ends on our doorstep bringing a great crowd to celebrate with us! We serve over 250 Italian dinners on Sunday afternoon to Bazaar attendees, including Fleet Week sailors, Knights of Columbus, many other parade marchers and neighbors. The games are at their busiest and the fun continues until the last Italian flag is put away at the end of the evening.

Join us one and all for the 94th Annual Columbus Day Bazaar in the heart of North Beach on Saturday and Sunday October 12 & 13, 2013.

Salesian Service-Learning
By Harriet Schatz, MFT

Another successful year of multiple volunteer trips to the San Francisco Food Bank. Parents and their children (age 4 and above) worked together sorting fruit, washing canned goods, weighing, packaging, sealing and boxing pounds of rice, macaroni, and beans.

Art in Action
By: Leadership Team

Art in Action has arrived at SSPP! After a year and a half of fundraising efforts, we are now prepared to implement the Art in Action program in grades K-5 in the 2013-2014 school year. Due to the vigorous fundraising efforts of our school community, we have funded the Art in Action program for the next two years. Mary Birchler, parent of Piper Ingels (Grade 5), will be our Art in Action teacher and Program Director. Art in Action was piloted in our Grade 5 class this year and their art work will be displayed at the Sunrise Art Show on May 29th from 7:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Exploring the Visual: Junior High Fine Arts
By: Abby Herget, Jr. High Fine Arts Instructor

Voyage up the north stairs on Mondays and you’ll find the Junior High creating away in Fine Arts class. Grade 7 is experiencing a new curriculum this year. We have focused on exploration of the basic Element of Arts: line, shape, color, form, shading/value, space and texture. Projects included fluid string art, found-object constructions, a texture treasure hunt around school, interpretive line sculptures, color word play and more. Grade 6 has produced wonderful art that represents the ancient cultures studied in Social Studies, including cave drawings, Egyptian hieroglyphs, Maya clay carvings, and expressive Chinese calligraphy scrolls. The Grade 8 group has matured so nicely and Ms. Herget is sorry to see these artists go. Their focus and engagement is evident in their expressive neighborhood collages, hyper-big self-portraits and wire sculptures. Come see this creative work and more at our Annual Sunrise Art Show, Wednesday May 29, 7:30 to 10:00 am in the SSPP cafeteria-turned-gallery. Grade 5 artists will also be featured that morning.

Decathlon
By: Maria Gunter

The San Francisco Archdiocese participated in its 17th year of Academic Junior High Decathlon. It was the 10th year for Sts. Peter and Paul School. The goal of Academic Junior High Decathlon is to encourage spirit-filled competition through promotion of academic excellence, collaborative spirit and cooperative learning, logical and higher order thinking, while celebrating the diversity, excellence, and tradition of Catholic school education.

Like previous years, the topics in both the Super Quiz and Individual Events covered were thematic. The Literature and History sections centered on the American Revolution. Religion focused on Pope Benedict’s message for the Year of Faith. Science decathletes studied Chemistry, in particular, the ENTIRE periodic table.

For the first time in SSPP history, our decathletes represented all of Junior High: Declan Elias, Eric Jung, Steven Tom, and Justin Wong from Grade 6; Nicole Appiano, Sophia Teng, Alexandra Vozar, and Olivia Young from Grade 7; Jackson Bajek, Jordan Gunter, Katherine Silva, and Roalla Toy from Grade 8 competed in the March 2, 2013, event at St. Pius School in Redwood City. Captains Jackson Bajek and Jordan Gunter led the team to a sixth place showing. The 2013 team was the youngest team in SSPP history with an average age of 12 years.

Eric Jung was our big winner of the day. This was Eric’s first year competing. He took on Geometry, a subject usually reserved for high schoolers and walked away with a third place medal. Eric notes, “Decathlon was a great experience for me. It gave me an opportunity to study alongside people who I don’t normally study with (seventh and eighth graders). I learned from my teammates and I hope they learned from me. Placing third was amazing! I did not expect it at all!”

Academic Junior High Decathlon is a wonderful extra-curricular academic program. Participating students get to step beyond the classroom setting and as the kids say, take a “mini-humanities” course. Many of our 8th graders felt that this gave them an advantage when applying for high school. When asked, our decathletes this year highly recommended Academic Decathlon and are already preparing for next year’s competition!

National Geography Bee
By Sylvana Caccia ‘81

On January 11, 2013, ten students from Grades 4-8 competed in the Sts. Peter and Paul National Geography Bee. The ten finalists were: Evia Curley and Mia Soracco (Gr. 4), Piper Ingels and Tiffany Kwong (Gr. 5) Elisa Caccia and Anthony Shafik (Gr. 6), Juan David Simonyi and Branden Taylor (Gr. 7), Jordan Gunter and Isabella Pontecorvo (Gr. 8). In the end, Jordan Gunter came in first with Elisa Caccia in second place. We congratulate Jordan for winning our school Geography Bee and congratulate everyone that participated.

Eighth Grade Spring Play
By The Leadership Team

On April 19th, the SSPP 8th Graders presented their annual play. This year three of Aesop’s Fables were highlighted: “The Lion and the Mouse,” “The Dog in the Manger,” and “The Ants and the Grasshoppers.” A big thank you to the Director, Mr. Paul Riley and his Assistant, Mrs. Sandra Wayne.
Third Annual Spelling Bee
By Sr. Debbie Walker, FMA

Saints Peter and Paul School held its third annual Spelling Bee on December 7, 2012. Students from grades 3rd – 8th participated in this exciting event. The student body watched with bated breath on every letter of each word through the many rounds of our bee. Jason Lee (Grade 8) and Caspian Bell (Grade 5) were the last two spellers standing. These two students went back and forth for several rounds. Caspian Bell finally came out victorious as our Spelling champion. Thanks to all who participated. We look forward to next year’s event.

The Pirates of Penzance
By Sandy Wayne

In November 2012, SSPP welcomed Opera a la Carte back for their annual visit for the student/artists performance of “The Pirates of Penzance” a comic opera by Gilbert and Sullivan. Thirteen 8th Graders had the privilege to perform with San Francisco Opera artists.

SSPP Welcomes a Special Guest
Michael Pritchard
By Harriet Schatz, Child and Family Counselor

For more years than I can remember, I have been showing a set of “videos” (DVDs had not yet been invented) to the 3rd grade classes at Sts. Peter and Paul School. I use them because the lessons taught are timeless. Several years ago, a parent was generous enough to donate the series -- “YOU CAN CHOOSE,” starring a comedian, social worker, inspirational speaker, and educator, Michael Pritchard. I feel that Michael is my co-teacher when I speak to students about social-emotional-life skills. The set of videos are about Cooperation, Asking for Help, Saying No to Peer Pressure, Responsibility, Resolving Conflicts, Doing the Right Thing and more.

I have always wanted to invite Mr. Pritchard to our school and have him speak to our students the way he does with kids in the videos. I decided to see if it would be possible to have him as a guest speaker. As luck would have it, there was a Grant available for a visit to a Catholic Elementary School, and we were able to invite him to speak to grades 3 through 6 last December.

Michael is 20 years older now than he was in the videos. Now he makes DVDs not videos. His humor and caring nature flowed right across the room as he engaged the students. He showed segments from his newest series, “STEPPING UP,” in which lovable puppet characters play out vignettes with which young people can engage. The talk was about Cyber Bullying and Web Safety. The kids were impressed by the way Mr. Pritchard and his puppets illustrated just how far reaching the devastation to a person can be when gossip and rumors are spread online or via text. Misinformation and damaging messages can be delivered in the blink of an eye. The students really got a greater understanding of how the internet can be used both positively or negatively. Our students asked really thoughtful questions and Mr. Pritchard was impressed by their enthusiasm and intelligent answers to his questions.

Catholic Schools’ Week
By: Sandra Wayne and Claudia Fernando ‘77

SSPP celebrated Catholic Schools’ week in January 2013, with Grandparents’ Day, a Pep Rally, Open House, Teacher, Salesian Fathers and Sisters Appreciation Mass and Lunch, and a celebration of St. John Bosco Fun Day.
Read Across America
By Betty Garthwaite

Sts. Peter and Paul School enthusiastically participated in NEA’s Read Across America on March 1, 2013. We had over 40 parents, guardians, grandparents, and friends share their love of reading with small groups of students throughout the school. All students from Pre-K to Grade 8 had a caring adult read to them.

This year marked SSPP’s sixth year of participation in this national celebration of reading. All across America, a love of reading was promoted in honor of beloved children’s author Dr. Seuss whose birthday is March 2. A special thanks to Mr. Silvano Biondi for providing us, once again, birthday cake for all the students to share at their lunch periods. And, thanks also to PTO President Judy Najera and her PTO Crew for hosting our reception for our guest readers: Friea Berg, Cecilia Escobar-O’Dell, April Sarraille, Natalia Tiches, John Gill, Lisa Elliot, Bradley Barnett, Clarence Esters, Amy Ovalle, Martha White, Melanie Lowe, Maria Caccia, Anita Yee Manfreda, Kate McGee, Susan Marick-Ker, Jamie Cherry, Annette Brown, Kendrick Low, Lingling Tang, Shari Weissner, Diana Bailey, Rosalie Johnson, Sr. Kathleen Gibson, FMA, Samantha Gill, Scott Hernandez, Melissa Ornstil, Dolph Hellman, Macy Fisher, Cynthia O’Neill, Susan Bell, Lisa Bowman, Lourice Biondi, Kirk Wong, Irene Gunn, David Garthwaite, Michele Rossi, Mary Birchler, Rebekah Alessi, Dr. Lisa Harris and Fr. Harold who graciously shared his birthday with us!

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss, and Happy Reading!

Family BBQ Was Smokin’
By Dominique Ortesi, Gr. 8 and Jessica Oto, Gr. 8

The Fifth Annual Faculty and Staff Fashion Show, Luncheon, Raffle and Silent Auction took place on Saturday, February 23. The Gym and Little Yard were transformed into an All-American Family Barbeque. Organized under the direction of SSPP Development Director Mrs. Claudia Fernando, the Faculty and Staff worked together to raise funds for the Art in Action K-5 program. Forty-six students from Grades Pre-K to 8 modeled designs from Wee Scotty, Pink Blossom, and Tea Collection. They looked stunning! The much-anticipated Sr. Antoinette hand-crocheted shawl and hat, modeled by Sr. Antoinette herself, was not to be missed. Nearly 20 silent auction donors contributed to the success of the Faculty Fundraiser.

The Laura Vicuña Pre-K staff, under the artful eye of Ms. Abby Herget, created the Americana themed decorations. Eighth Graders also lent a hand and helped paint. Hanging on the ceiling of the gym were blue and red-checkered banners to represent picnic tablecloths. This brought a bright feel to the gym. The tables also had blue and red-checkered tablecloths with a basket of fresh flowers on top of a field of Astro Turf. These made the guests feel like they were at a picnic or barbeque.

The menu was designed by and prepared by Junior High Teacher Mr. Paul Riley who was assisted by Eighth Graders Dominique Ortesi, Sofia Riley, and Roalla Toy, and Faculty, Staff, and spouses of faculty and staff as well.

The clothing worn by the models was bright, colorful, and very spring-like. Model Isabella Pontecorvo, Gr. 8, shared, “I thought that the outfits were beautiful and full of life and color! I really enjoyed modeling for the fashion show!” Sofia Riley and Roalla Toy, said, “The food was delicious and all of the models looked great. It looked like all of the models were enjoying themselves.”

Courtesy of The Eagle’s Eye, Vol. 9 No. 3
The Class of 2013 has sailed through high school applications and acceptances. We are delighted to share with you the schools to which our remarkable students have been accepted.

High school recruiting has become a very competitive process. There are many factors that go into the final decisions at the high schools. The list to the right are the schools where our students were accepted.

Aragon High School
Archbishop Murphy High School (Out of State)
Archbishop Riordan High School
Convent of the Sacred Heart High School
Galileo High School
Lick-Wilmerding High School
Lowell High School
Mercy High School
Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory
Saint Ignatius College Preparatory
School of the Arts (SOTA)
Stuart Hall High School
SSPP Financial Statement
2011 - 2012 (Fiscal Year End - June 30, 2012)

Income
School Tuition 71.22%
Fees 8.84%
Donations & Grants 7.41%
Development/ Fundraisers 5.71%
Tuition Assistance 4.29%
Non Operating Income 1.36%
Operating Income 1.17%
Total Income $2,047,043

Expenses
Personnel Cost - School 59.29%
Employee Benefits 12.40%
Property Cost 11.43%
School Instructional Expenses 5.91%
Other Operating Expenses 5.26%
Payroll Taxes Employer 4.37%
Student Activites and Services 0.51%
General and Administrative 0.43%
Utilities 0.36%
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment 0.03%
Total Expenses $2,217,876
Net Loss $(170,833)*

* Deficit caused by cost of new school gymnasium. Deficit amount covered by the bequests left to Saints Peter and Paul School.
Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School began serving the North Beach community in 1925. Today, we serve over forty-two zip codes in San Francisco and the greater Bay Area. The Superintendent of the Department of Catholic Schools recently referred to our school as “a gem in the crown of the San Francisco Archdiocesan Schools.” We are proud of our academic excellence and the success of our students as they move through their academic journey. Our Mission and Philosophy reaches far beyond academics. We endeavor to create students who are Problem Solvers, Responsible Citizens, Active Christians, Involved Individuals, Successful Life Long Learners and Effective Communicators.

In order to meet our Mission and Philosophy, we make every effort to keep the cost of our tuition affordable for any family who wishes to provide their child with a Catholic education. We provide a well rounded academic and co-curricular program as we believe in addressing the needs of the whole child. Through your generosity and the efforts of our parent fundraising organization, we are able to bridge the gap between the tuition and the actual per pupil cost. In these difficult economic times, it is you who we turn to for continued financial support. Your donation will allow us to provide scholarship assistance for families in need and to continue to support the many programs that we are so fortunate to offer.

Saints Peter and Paul Salesian School has evolved over the years. Those of you who have not visited us in decades are always welcome to take a tour of our school and hear about all of our new programs and technology. You will be impressed to know that we now have a dedicated Science Lab, a Fine Arts Studio, a Computer Lab, a mobile Technology unit, and iPads, as well as Smartboards located throughout our building. We have embraced the future while preserving our traditional past. Help us launch our Beacon of Hope Annual Giving Campaign.

**BEACON OF HOPE GIVING LEVELS**

- **$1 - $499**  
  **Salesian Family Circle**
- **$500 - $999**  
  **Salesian Spirit Circle**
- **$1,000 - $2,499**  
  **Salesian Principal Circle**
- **$2,500 - $4,999**  
  **Salesian Eagle Circle**
- **$5,000 - $9,999**  
  **Don Bosco and Mary Mazzarello Circle**
- **$10,000 and above**  
  **Legacy Salesian Excellence Circle**
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