

UPCOMING REUNIONS

50th Anniversary Reunion for the Class of 1959

St. Andrew Avellino's graduating Class of 1959 will have their 50th Reunion celebration on June 27, 2009. For more information, please contact Lona Rodriguez Rodgers Cox at lonamcox@verizon.net or (703) 690-7070 or you may contact Kevin Morris at morris.ltd@verizon.net or (718) 762-4423.

40th Anniversary Reunion for the Class of 1969

Rick Guidal is planning a 40th Anniversary Reunion, if you are from the class of 1969 please contact Rick at rickgui91@yahoo.com or rguidal@admitone.com. His mobile phone is (516) 353-3006.

30th Anniversary Reunion for the Class of 1979

The class of 1979 is in the planning stages of a 30th Reunion. For information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Meredith Kennedy at meredithk@me.com, or Valerie Pagano at vdarco@optonline.net.



The Class of 1983 celebrated their 25th Reunion at the Annual Parish Dinner Dance on November 22, 2008

ALUMNI THANK YOU

Thanks to all the alumni who have responded to our newsletters, and reached out in support of our organization. It was great hearing from you. We hope that we can count on you for many years to come! We would like to extend a special thanks to the following alumni for their generous contributions:

Grace (Casey) Ade '55, Steve Bell '69, Laurette Brady '55, Barbara (Brady) Canalizo '79, The Carlino Family, Eileen Clancy '38, The Dalton Family, Nancy Doyle '69, Elizabeth (Fox) Dunwoody '62, James Fox '54, Maureen Gartlemann-Tully, Mrs. Thomas Green, Joanne (Gaffney) Greenbaum '69, Sue (Hopkins) Holmes '55, Robert Hutchinson '60, Msgr. Peter Kain, Susan Kennedy '75, Mary Ann (Grant) Leahy '56, Dr. Patricia McGee '56, Regina McInerney-Lopez '90, Mary Patricia (Bowe) McKendry '56, James and Peggy Parker '67, Wanda Prisinzano '74, Peter J. Regan '56, Daniel N. Ryan '44, Wilma (Kurz) Sandford '55, Henry Sarnataro '68, Dr. Eileen (McGivern) Shea '56, John E. Stevens '55, Sandy Strk '93, Robert Szambel '56 and Anne (Morris) Wilding '57.

A very special thank you to the following who have generously donated a window or a set of doors for the school. Their generosity has afforded us the ability to purchase and replace three sets of doors as well as create a \$20,000 base upon which to grow our needed funds for replacing the windows.

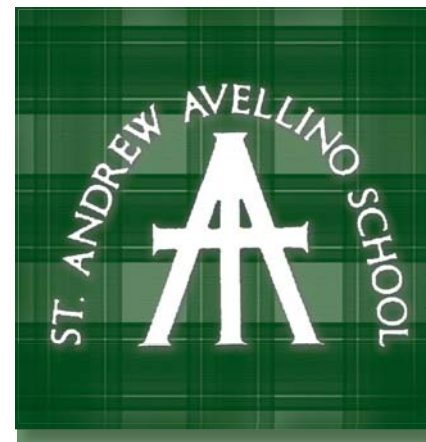
*The Altese Family
Joseph V. Dorsa '85
Holy Cross High School
Anne Natale
In Memory of Mario Simeone
The Class of 1958*

*In Memory of Michelle Borsch
The Ehrhardt Family
The Thomas Kennedy Memorial
Genea Natale '73
The Statuto Family*

*The DiLello Family
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St. Andrew Avellino Alumni Newsletter

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Congratulations to school secretary, Mrs. Mary Ann Dorsa, for being this year's Guest of Honor at the Annual Parish Dinner Dance.

Our school was awarded a \$500 grant from Exxon Mobil on December 4, 2008 during the annual Mothers' Club Christmas Fair.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Please keep our current pastor, Monsignor James P. Grace in your prayers. He was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor and he is also recuperating from a broken leg. Cards can be sent to Msgr. Grace c/o St. Andrew Avellino Rectory, 35-50 158th Street, Flushing, NY 11358.

We are grateful to Monsignor Finnerty, Pastor of St. Kevin's Church, for giving us administrative support while Monsignor Grace is not with us.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The following high schools awarded scholarships to the graduating class of 2009:

*Dominican Academy
Holy Cross
Molloy
Saint Agnes
Saint Francis Prep
Saint Mary's
Saint Vincent Ferrer
The Mary Louis Academy*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope you had a blessed and enjoyable holiday season. December is always a festive month at school, from the Mother's Club Annual Christmas Fair to the Christmas concerts, Mass and PreKindergarten pageant. Our Christmas Concert was a night of pure holiday entertainment that included performances from our students in Pre-Kindergarten to Grade five as well as students from our after school music programs. Our after school music program has expanded through the years and now offers chorus, violin, guitar, band, and percussion.

The school also offers an after school Art program for students in Grade 1-8. Each Art Club has a unique theme they are working on which includes not only the arts but also history.

As Catholic educators, my faculty and I are dedicated to our students. We strive to broaden the educational possibilities for all our students through music, art and technology. Our goal is have our students leave St. Andrew Avellino strong in mind, body, and spirit. In light of changes taking place in many of the Catholic schools throughout the area Saint Andrew Avellino School remains strong and viable. We are devoted to carrying out the St. Andrew educational experience into the future. **God Bless, Debora Hanna**

EVENTS • CURRENT EVENTS • CURRENT EVE

September 3rd ushered in a new school year. Students entered St. Andrew's hallowed halls through newly refurbished doors. If you have not yet seen them, they are definitely worth a look. September also kicked off the school's first fundraising drive. Sweet tooth aficionados took delight in the candy drive! The Mother's Club, led by new president, Reinalda Johnson, held their first fundraiser at Uno's Chicago Grill on October 1st. Also in October, the Harvest Sale provided the school and parish community with the opportunity to purchase both beautiful autumnal décor and scrumptious treats. October 24th marked another highly anticipated gathering for Halloween Bingo. The Father's Guild, led by John Watch, organized the Halloween Dance attended by the 7th & 8th graders on

the 25th. The school's annual Halloween Parade festively concluded the month.

November 3rd, students took turns saying, "Cheese". Class and individual pictures were taken. On the 9th, the school and parish community celebrated St. Andrew Avellino Feast Day and Multi Cultural Celebration. Many cultures were recognized and the well attended event was enjoyed by all. This year's Annual Dinner Dance was held at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. A great time was had by all.

The Christmas Fair was held on December 4th. Students busily shopped for family and friends alike at this much loved event. Report cards were distributed the following

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SPOTLIGHT ON PHILLIP ESSER AND PAUL GRAZIANO.

For this edition of the Alumni newsletter we are focusing on the history and restoration of the school building. To provide us with some interesting information we interviewed two experts in the field, Phillip Esser and Paul Graziano. Phillip and Paul are cultural resource consultants who specialize in architectural assessment & historic preservation. Their range of services includes, design consultation, design guidelines, historical research, landmark nominations, documentation & assessment of historic structures, guidance on locating specialists, recommendations for treatment of historic structures, and other services associated with historic preservation and architectural design.



The St. Andrew Avellino "old" school building on 158th Street.

Q. Can you tell give us some information about the style of the building and what kind of skill would have gone into it's construction?

A. The two story brick school building, constructed in 1925, is a rectangular plan, vernacular Romanesque Revival-style building. The highly eclectic historical revival building incorporates features of the Roman, Italian Renaissance, and Byzantine styles. The early twentieth century is considered by architectural historians to be the height of artistic expression and construction technology. The St. Andrew Avellino school building is an excellent example of a period when no expense was spared in the quality of materials and design. Even then, fine brickwork, a decorative bell tower and clay tile roofs were very expensive details. Though historic in appearance,

the school is modern in every way, utilizing steel-frame and reinforced concrete technology— built to stand the test of time.

The windows of the building are the most modern element and consist of banks of four, awning-type wood sash windows. The windows are original and constitute a character-defining feature of the now historically-significant building.

Q. Why is this building important to our community?

A. As part of a National Register of Historic Places and historic district, the building contributes significantly to character of the community. Importantly, since no changes have ever been made to the building it stands as a record of the time period and helps to keep property values from falling. ■

CURRENT EVENTS •

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day. Santa made an early appearance on the 7th as the Father's Guild hosted a pancake breakfast in the cafeteria. The Book Fair sent students into an extra scholastic mood as they searched for interesting tomes. Beautiful melodies resounded throughout Andrean Hall as the children performed at their Christmas concerts on the 10th & 11th. For the first time, Mrs. Maggi's beloved Pre-K Christmas Play took place on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 1:15 in Andrean Hall. Neither freezing rain or snow could stop the families from attending this beautiful show that was so beautifully put together by Mrs. Maggi and Mrs. D'Aprile. One of the grandparents who has been a season Broadway show ticket holder for 20 years said "this was better than any Broadway show I've ever seen!".

Upcoming events that you may wish to be part of include the 5th Annual Gala Faculty Auction on March 6th and the Mother's Club Fashion Show on April 24th. Please call the school office for more details. There is always so much happening at this innovative and dynamic school. Call the school office to learn about all the upcoming events so you can participate in them instead of merely reading about them. St. Andrew Avellino School welcomes you! ■



Did you know... SAA collects General Mills Box Tops for Education. For each box top submitted, our school earns 10 cents. Last year we raised \$2,199! If you would like to help, send your box tops to the school!

SPORTS UPDATE

6th Grade Boys SAA Soccer Team:

Coach Lorraine Falco led the St. Andrew Avellino Boy's 6th Grade Soccer team to a 4 win, 5 loss, 1 tie season, and into the first round of the play-offs. This is the 3rd season most of the boys have played together (Fall and Spring last year as 5th graders, and Fall this season) and there has been a marked improvement in the team. During the season, the team had outstanding goal scoring by Louis Falco (2 hat tricks in a season – 3 goals scored in one game) and consistent scoring by Colin McGee. Other goals during the season were also scored by Alec Mullan, Christian Watch and Antonio Lopes. Outstanding goalkeeper was provided by Brendan Murphy with spectacular saves. Other goalkeepers included Colin McGee, Christian Watch and Antonio Lopes. Superb defense was by provided by Alec Mullan, Krist Sokoli and Eric Long. Tough and determined mid and offense was displayed by Joseph Esposito, Sebastian Penaloza, Ryan

Manoogian and Andrew Beaman.

Intermediate Girls SAA Soccer Team

Coach Brendan Raughter has led the Intermediate Girls for the past three seasons too. Last year, as Rookies, the girls were the Spring Season Champions. This Fall, with a full roster of teams playing, and now at the Intermediate level, the Team achieved a 2 win, 7 loss, and 1 tie record. During this current season, the team recorded their first regular season wins. Eight grade goalie Juliet Mullan had two shutouts during the Fall season. The leading scorer was Eva Scazzero, who joined the team this season. Also scoring during the season were the other 8th grade forwards Kristin Poptean, Jessica Rodriguez, and Anya Cullen. Superb defense was provided by 8th graders Caitlin Mari Casteneda, Eliasbeth McKee, Lauren Velez, and 6th graders Krysstyna MacWithey and Anais Rodriguez. Offering determined and aggressive mid and offense were



8th graders Barbara Goger, Katie McCreesh, Mary Kate McGee, Eva Scazzero, and 6th and 7th graders Maria Altese, Clair Callahan, Lauren Chaimov, Veronica Chaimov, Maria Ferrone, Joanna Herbert, Katherine McKay, Alyssa Murphy, Diona Rukaj, Yuen Ting, and Evelyn Wang. Additionally, at the end of the season this year, on a very cold Saturday, November 22nd, nine of the 8th grade girls participated in the first ever CYO Girl's Soccer Friendship Tournament held at Fort Tilden in Breezy Point. These girls, Caitlin Mari Casteneda, Anya Cullen, Barbara Goger, Mary Kate McGee, Eliasbeth McKee, Juliet Mullan, Kristin Poptean, Jessica Rodriguez, and Lauren Velez, joined with approximately 75 other girls in the league and played two rounds of soccer, allowing the girls to meet on the field in a less competitive environment; and discovery possible teammates in high school next year. ■



Message from the SABR Fund Committee

Kathy Castelli, P'11
Joe Ferone '73, P'11
Candace Hesse, P'12
Maureen (McGetrick) Hogan '86, P'12
Colleen Lanning, P'15
Tim Lanning '88, P'15
Janet McCreesh, P'09
Liz (Kennedy) Nacinovich '76, P'09

The Alumni Association is new but quickly gaining momentum, strength and experience, we hope to be the main source of fund raising for the school. The funds raised will then be allocated to the maintenance and upkeep of the building facility.

I WANT TO SUPPORT THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Graduating Year: _____ Donate \$50 Donate Other Amount _____

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WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

Keep in touch with old friends and share your news. Just email us at saaalumni@hotmail.com

We are in the planning stages of this years Alumni Fundraiser at the new Citifield!! If you are interested in getting together with old friends to cheer on the Met's in their new state of the art ballpark, please send an email to saaalumni@hotmail.com and we will forward you the details for the game.