

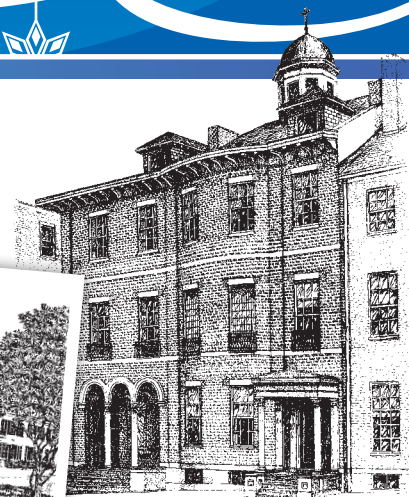


The Report Card

Winter Newsletter 2011

Celebrating 140 Years Since 1871 Catholic Schools Week

*“Hope is Our Future & Heritage of 140 Years
and 50 Years on Charles Street”*



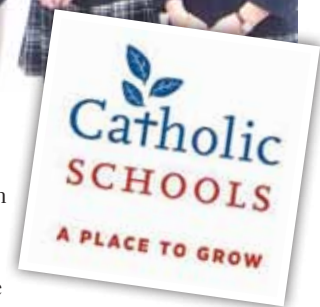
The School of the Cathedral celebrated Catholic Schools Week- January 30th - February 4th. Student Council members kicked off Catholic Schools Week at the weekend Masses by sharing what their Catholic education means to them. Seventh and eighth graders **Camilla Bendetti, Owen Melia, Michael Healy, Colleen Franke, and Kaitlyn Griffin** shared what is special about their Cathedral education. The following are the 8th grade students' reflections:

OWEN MELIA, 8th grade – Catholic schools provide children with educations in accordance with the church's spiritual beliefs. They are built on and around the church, and secondly, there are Catholic schools all around the world that operate in the same way. It is because of this tradition that all Catholic schools are like a big family: many brother and sister students all taught the same things by our parents and our teachers.

KAITLYN GRIFFIN, 8th grade – Cathedral continues to offer a wonderful academic education integrated into our faith as it has done for the past 140 years. This year, students from the intermediate grades, 3, 4, and 5, with the help of parent volunteers, have started a school newspaper called the Mustang Messenger. I am very proud of being a part of our Parish School.



MICHAEL HEALY, 8th grade – Cathedral encourages us to participate in service activities such as baking casseroles for our Daily Bread and being a Happy Helper to hand out food and clothes to the homeless. We are also involved with our sister school, Mother Seton Academy. We are taught to live and act like Jesus, that is, being friendly, compassionate, understanding, and welcoming. Our alumni are very loyal to our school and come back to school and visit or are involved in many alumni events to keep in touch with each other. A Catholic education provides a great environment for any student and the foundation for a successful future.



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Different activities were planned for each day during Catholic Schools Week including, "Do you know who the Saint is?" Each morning, a saint biography was read at morning announcements, and the saint's name was revealed at the end of the day.

On Monday, January 31st, students wrote letters, prayers, and poems to children at the Cathedral School in Haiti. Inclement weather with freezing rain gave the students a surprise day off on Tuesday with school cancelled. On Wednesday, the school held Student Appreciation Day and an Out of Uniform Day for Haiti. Students were able to come to school dressed in blue or red, the colors of Haiti's flag, and donated \$1 for Haiti.

The Middle School held its annual Stars and Stripes Volleyball game in the gym where the Stripes claimed victory!

On Thursday, Faculty Appreciation Day, the teachers and staff were treated to a delicious lunch courtesy of CASPA. On Friday, February 4th, the school held its Open House for parents and visitors throughout the day. Parents enjoyed sitting in on classes and lunch with their son or daughter in the cafeteria. Afterward, Mass was celebrated and all parents and legacy alumni were invited to attend with their son or daughter. We are grateful to Mr. John Moran, Assistant Principal, for organizing the week. ■



Above: Members of the Stripes team. Below: Parents during open house.



Why I LIKE the SCHOOL of the Cathedral ...

By Cornelia Valencia

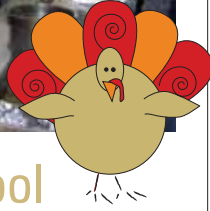
I like Cathedral School because we have an awesome class. We learn new fun things every day. I also really like the specials, like Art class. My classmates are really nice and so are the teachers. Going to a Catholic school is really fun. I like learning about God and Jesus. It's great to be a Cathedral Mustang. ■



20th Annual Grandparents & Special Friends Day

On November 19, 2010, our school celebrated Grandparents and Special Friends Day. Guests were treated to a continental breakfast in the cafeteria and then joined the students in their classrooms for games and presentations, and also had a chance to share their own stories of school when they were younger. A para-liturgical was held in the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, celebrated by **Monsignor J. Bruce Jarboe**. Music Teacher **Mr. Jon Mathis** led each class as they proudly sang songs of the season to the congregation. We thank the Grandparents Day committee, chaired by parent **Kristen Rudolph**, for making this day special for our local and out-of-town guests. ■





Middle School Thanksgiving Feast

The 5th annual Middle School Prayer Service and Thanksgiving feast was held on Monday, November 22nd.

Students shared what they were thankful for and ways they could help others. They contributed to this feast by baking desserts, and helping with set-up and clean up. A delicious meal of turkey and all the trimmings was provided by Pepper's Catering. ■

The Mustang Messenger Takes Off!

Students and parents got another opportunity to be in the know in December with publication of the first edition of *The Mustang Messenger*, Cathedral's new intermediate level newspaper (www.mustangmessenger.com). The newspaper, which is printed twice a year, is written and produced by students in grades 3, 4, and 5. Through the newspaper, parent mentors hope to teach student reporters about the field of journalism and help to keep the Cathedral community informed of school news and events. ■



From left to right, back row: Griffin Kirk-Short and Gabriella Bognet, Middle row: Nick Boucher, Joey Wolfgang, Tony Pistorio, and Matt Kearney. Front row: Declan McGeady, Bennett Rider, Isabella Schadt, and Eva McCusker.



**The School of the Cathedral
2010-2011 Annual Fund**

If we build it they... they will play

This year's Annual Fund is designated for a new turf field on the school grounds. This will enable students to utilize the field during all seasons, regardless of the weather conditions. A portion of these funds is also directed toward tuition assistance.

Every gift makes a difference and no gift is too small! Our campaign runs through May 31, 2011. Annual Fund Gifts of \$500 or more will be recognized on our Giving Tree in the Foyer.

Please visit our website www.schoolofthecathedral.org to give your online gift today! Checks can be made payable to School of the Cathedral. Please send your gift in the enclosed envelope to: Development Office, 111 Amberly Way, Baltimore, MD 21210

Christmas Tree Lighting & Caroling

On Friday evening, December 10th over 380 parishioners and friends of the Cathedral gathered by the big fir tree in front of the church for the second annual Tree Lighting and Blessing. At 7:00 p.m., **Father Pete Literal** and **Monsignor J. Bruce Jarboe** blessed the tree while onlookers held candles, and smiled with wonder as the tree was lit. Parishioner and donor of the tree, **Ms. Grace Beehler** was present to officially light the tree, which she gifted to the Cathedral many years ago in memory of her mother.

Led by the Cathedral Youth Schola under the guidance of Assistant Music Director **Ms. Katie Hunt** carolers sang joyously many holiday favorites. The evening wrapped up with a spirited round of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. Afterward, all gathered in the Parish Center to sip hot chocolate and enjoy holiday cookies. ■



Above: Fr. Pete Literal, Ms. Grace Beehler, and Msgr. J. Bruce Jarboe. Left: Students enjoy caroling after the tree-lighting.



Above: Students portray the Nativity Scene. Right: Feast of the Epiphany Mass.

Three Kings on the Feast of the Epiphany

In celebration of a long-standing tradition at the School of the Cathedral, our school is blessed, after the Epiphany Mass. This blessing ritual is based on an old Eastern European house blessing. The house blessing is modeled after the journey of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Above each doorway in the school, a strip of paper is placed with the symbols 20+C+M+B+11, which stand for the three kings and the New Year. ■



Advent Outreach

“Thank you for your wonderful participation to our outreach efforts. We are graced with your treasures and friendships at our school. Our Advent Outreach exemplifies the true meaning of giving,” says **Sr. Josephann Wagoner**, Principal. During this time the students of the Cathedral reach out to those less fortunate by collecting and donating items to many organizations throughout the Baltimore area. Each grade sponsored an organization in need. This year some of the charities were Father Brown’s Reading Books for St. Thomas Aquinas School, African Missions SSND, Club at Collington Square, Food for Thought Tutoring, and St. Francis Academy Outreach. ■

Students gather after carrying packages to Advent Outreach recipients.



Meet & Greet

Our January Meet and Greet was held at the home of parishioner, **Rob Dubeau**. Guests had a chance to mingle and socialize with their fellow parishioners and meet personally with **Monsignor J. Bruce Jarboe**. ■



Class Masses

Students participate as greeters, gift bearers, singers, lectors, petition readers, bakers, and artists. The students enjoy taking an active role in their special Class Mass. Afterward, they enjoy fellowship with their classmates, family, and friends at a reception. ■



Below: The Cathedral of Mary our Queen welcomed its newest altar servers in January during the 4th grade Class Mass.



Alumni News

Will Macsherry '84 shared, "Two of the youngest unofficial Ravens cheerleaders were dressed in their purple every Sunday this past fall rooting on their home team! **Ruby Ann Piet**, born July 1, 2010 to **Kim and John '87**, showed off her smile after 12 wins during the season. But **Lillie Louise Macsherry**, born on November 10, 2010 to **Michele and William '84**, showed her angst (along with many fans) when the Ravens couldn't muster enough to beat the Steelers as their post-season ended in January, 2011."



IN MEMORIAM

Sargent Shriver, Jr., who passed away on January 18, 2011, attended the Cathedral School on Mulberry Street from 1923-1928, from 3rd through 7th grade.

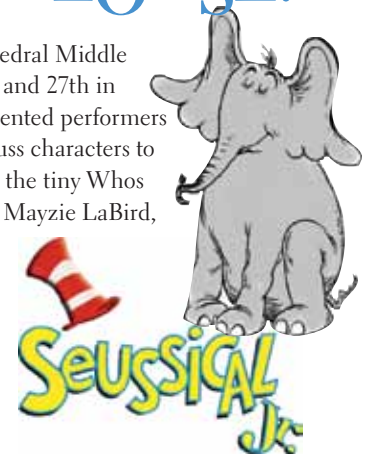
Mary Feihe Moore, February 3, 2011, taught 3rd grade at Cathedral School for years in the 1970s and 1980s.

The Cardinal Cup Fun Run & Race

On April 16, 2011 the 17th Annual Cardinal Cup, a 5K race and a 1-mile walk, will take place on the grounds and surrounding neighborhoods of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. This fun, family-centered event, which is sponsored by the School of the Cathedral and the Cathedral Parents Association (CASPA), has been organized to benefit the students of our sister school, Mother Seton Academy (MSA). Thanks go out to our Cardinal Cup Chairpersons, **Patty Darby** and **Sheila Muldowney**. For more information and to register visit our website: www.schoolofthecathedral.org ■

Hold On To Your Hats Because DR. SEUSS is on the LOOSE!

Please join us for *Seussical Jr.*, the Cathedral Middle School Musical on March 25th, 26th, and 27th in the school gym. Come watch as 50 talented performers and stage crew bring your favorite Seuss characters to life. Come see Horton the Elephant try to save the tiny Whos of Whoville. Come and let the Cat in the Hat, Mayzie LaBird, Gertrude McFuzz, and an entire jungle full of singing animals capture your imagination. You will see how anything is possible in the wonderful world of Dr. Seuss. Tickets are \$5 each and are not sold at the door. Please contact **Celeste Bendetti** at celeste@fellspointstudios.com for ticket information. ■



The 2011 Cathedral Ball Celebrates Denim at THE BLUE JEAN BALL

Article Courtesy of Kathleen Willis and Susan Brennan



Pete & Alexa Gilmore and Leanne & Hugh Mohler, Ball Chairs.

The Blue Jean Ball will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 in the Carriage House at The Evergreen House Museum and Library on Charles Street.

Chairpersons **Alexa & Peter Gilmore** and **Leanne & Hugh Mohler** have been blazing the trails to create an inviting and exciting evening for the guests. The Cathedral Ball is not only the school's major fundraiser; it is also a wonderful community builder. The funds raised for the 2011 Blue Jean Ball will support the new turf field and provide tuition assistance to some who attend our parish school.

Just like a great pair of five-pocket jeans, The Ball has five main parts that work together over a year's time to create this special event: **Program Advertising and Corporate Giving, Silent and Live Auctions, Camp Auction, Raffle, and Class Creations.**

This year, **Kate O'Neill & Amy Sweeney** are co-chairs of the **Program Advertising and Corporate Giving Committee.**

There are several ways to support the school through corporate giving, including being Patrons With a Purpose (PWP), Mustang Contributors, Green and Gold Benefactors, and Corporate Sponsors. As one of these contributors, you will begin your evening at 7:00 p.m. attending the **Beyond Blue Jeans Bash**, a pre-Ball cocktail reception. This reception gives attendees a chance to socialize, peruse and bid early on the auction items, and enjoy delicious passed hors d'oeuvres while supporting the school! What could be easier? We also offer three levels of **program advertising.** Advertising is a wonderful way to support the event which can lead to further patronization of your business.

Silent and Live Auctions generate tremendous excitement and create wonderful energy the night of The Ball. The auction

team, under the leadership of **Melissa & Ed Taylor**, are busy collecting and packaging a wide variety of items, such as sports memorabilia, event tickets, and gift certificates for fine dining and services. Our **Camp Auction**, led by **Ellie & Kevin Kenny** and **Alison & Michael Warner**, is a perennial favorite with our school community. As always, incorporated into the Silent Auction will be the fabulous **Class Creations** coordinated by **Kristen & Michael Rudolph** and **Mary Lynne & Gregory Diette.** Families and friends of the Cathedral can also join in the excitement of The Ball by purchasing raffle tickets. Under the skillful direction of co-chairs **Chris & Stephen Kearney** and **Kathy & Dave Norman**, the **Raffle Committee** will be encouraging everyone to buy tickets for the chance to win one of four \$500 cash prizes. Many thanks go to **Gore Brothers Reporting and Videoconferencing** who will underwrite the cost of printing the raffle tickets. Once again this year, **DavCo Restaurants (aka Wendy's)** will generously provide prizes to children who sell a minimum number of raffle tickets.

We are fortunate that **Darby Lassiter** donates her time and talents to design our Ball invitation and program, and that **Robbin & John Furst of J.H. Furst Printing Co.** generously donate the printing of the invitations and program. Who else could capture the essence of denim better than Cathedral Ball veterans **Fred and Helen Hiser**, chairs of our Decorations Committee? Their group will create the fabulous details and subtle beauty using their outstanding creativity and inspirational design flair.

After the pre-party "Beyond Blue Jeans Bash," the Blue Jean Ball will begin at 8:00 p.m. and conclude at midnight. Our

delicious food service will be provided by Classic Catering. We will celebrate the evening with DJ Chris Kopec (who has already purchased his denim tux for the event!!). What an amazing evening it will be and such an important fundraising event for our children, their teachers, and the future of this incredible school!

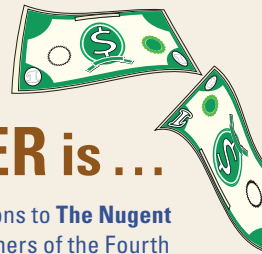
So many other volunteers make this event a huge success. They include **Beth & Paul Matsko (treasurer)**, **Delia & Stuart Schadt (check-out)**, **Jane & Brian Rohd (reservations)**, **Development Office (protocol)**, **Susan & Tom Brennan** and **Kathleen & Dave Willis (public relations)**, **Tina & Rocco Bognet (past Ball Chairs)**, and **Julie Halvorsen (CASPA President).**

If you are interested in attending The Blue Jean Ball, please contact **Delia Schadt**, at (410) 377-7897 or deliaschadt@verizon.net For additional information about advertising, sponsorship or donating, please call **Alexa Gilmore** at 410-464-0130 or **Leanne Mohler** at 410-377-5393.

We are grateful for your support and we look forward to your presence at **The Blue Jean Ball on Saturday, April 16, 2011!** ■

And the WINNER is ...

Congratulations to **The Nugent Family**, winners of the **Fourth Annual Cathedral School Tuition Raffle!** Tickets were sold during the month of October and on **Grandparents & Special Friends Day.** The winning ticket was drawn by **Sr. Josephann Wagoner** at the Wednesday assembly. The **Nugents** will receive **\$7,000 off next year's 2011-2012 tuition at the School of the Cathedral.** Many thanks to all who participated! ■



Right: The Nugent Family, John and Alycia, with son Will MWP.



OUTREACH TO Haiti

Our Cathedral Parish has embarked upon a parish-to-parish partnership relationship with the Cathedral Parish in Gonaives, Haiti. We have been studying the Baltimore Archdiocesan Haiti Project, led by our friend, **Deacon Rod Mortel**, and have determined that our parish and the parish in Haiti have much to gain from a faith-based partnership. We hope to develop a lasting, mutually beneficial relationship with our brothers and sisters in Haiti, and plan to provide some relief for their physical suffering as part of that



poorest countries. In partnership with Catholic Relief Services and the non-profit organization Stop Hunger Now, our Service Outreach Ministry's Haiti Program gathered volunteers together to scoop rice, soy meal, vegetables, and vitamins into small plastic bags that were shipped to Haiti. Over 20,000 meals were assembled. Participants enjoyed the festive atmosphere, and especially liked being able to do a service event as a family.

Parent **Mary Beth Mudric** commented: "I think that one of the best parts about this program is having such a high level

packaging event in charity, and hope that it provides inspiration to other parishes." Those who were interested in helping, but not able to come on January 9th, were able to make a financial contribution to cover the costs of the meals. These donations were matched, dollar for dollar, by parishioners **Sam and Stephanie Hoyle**. **Paddy Morton**, parent and member of the Parish Service Outreach Committee did a wonderful job leading this effort.

COMMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THE EVENT:

Great on so many levels...Our children learned that volunteering feels good.

It was so wonderful to see the parish coming together for a great cause! We loved that it was an opportunity for all ages to get involved.

Direct hands-on work is the most fulfilling and motivating way to help out.

It is a wonderful feeling knowing that something you did will make a huge difference in someone's life.

What a huge reminder to all that our small efforts make a big difference!

This was a wonderful event and which created such a sense of community and solidarity.

This was a good way to do something as a family and a community for others throughout the world. ■

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effort. **Monsignor J. Bruce Jarboe** joined a small delegation of parishioners in the first trip to Haiti in February to meet the pastor of the Cathedral parish. We invite all parents and parishioners to join in the efforts being coordinated through our Service Outreach Committee, and the Haiti Program it is developing.

A meal-packaging event was held on January 9, 2011 in the School of the Cathedral cafeteria, to raise awareness around global hunger, and to learn how we can make small efforts that will have a large impact on our neighbors' lives. An energetic group gathered to package meals to be sent to the hungry in the

of involvement from all of the children, as this process provides a very tangible element to service learning. Building awareness and associations is so important, and our entire family was grateful to have played a part in helping yesterday. The music, the "1000 meal gong," and community spirit made for a fun, productive, and beautiful day."

Deacon Ray Moreau said, "Overall, the volunteers involved said universally that it was an absolutely wonderful experience and they had fun doing it. A few hours work and a few dollars donated will feed more than 20,000! We are blessed to have so many turn out for this initial meal-

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“New” School of the Cathedral Sign

After much planning and support from our school families and friends, the School of the Cathedral, erected its NEW school sign at its Charles Street entrance. The stone sign represents materials similar to those used in the structures on the Cathedral campus and stands proudly to mark the entrance of the school. Our former sign, donated by the **Eby Family**, has been moved to the other side of campus to mark the Amberly Way entrance. We are especially proud of our celebration of 50 years on Charles Street and 140 years of Catholic Education.