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Happy Anniversary!

Alumni Newsletter Celebrates Saint Augustine School



The preparation for the 50th Anniversary of Saint Augustine School continues. We will soon reflect on 50 years of outstanding Catholic education at our Anniversary Gala that will be held on May 12th at the Pearl River Hilton. Reservation information can be found in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there.

As the snow starts to melt, Students, Parents, and Alumni reflect on "What Saint Augustine School means to me." Found within this newsletter, these groups reflect on their experiences at Saint Augustine School. In following with our theme, "Celebrating our History, Shaping our Future," Alumni and Current Students are featured. Enjoy!

Mike Mullin, Class of 1988 Professional Bowler

Bowling has been part of my life since my days at St. Augustine School. Along with playing baseball and basketball, bowling was something my friends and I did regularly together after school. I grew up in a great neighborhood in New City where all the kids were within a few years of each other. We joined a bowling league at New City Bowl and eventually it was something that I became pretty good at so I continued to pursue it.

I attended Don Bosco Prep and was a member of the Bowling Team that won State Championships during my time there and then went on to St John's University. I chose these schools not only because they were good schools, but they both had bowling teams which most schools do not have.

After college I was able to bowl full time and travel to many places in the world. I have competed in 13 different countries some of them multiple times. I competed and won events in such countries as Poland, England, Argentina, Hong Kong and Puerto Rico. I was a member of Team USA, our national bowling team for four years. I have also bowled on television multiple times in the US and overseas as well.



I think one of the best aspects of bowling is the friendships I have made over the years. One minute you can be competing against your peers but after the day is over, you can enjoy a good meal together have some fun.

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Today, I work for The Nielsen Company as a Data Collection Analyst. I have been married to my wife Vickie for almost 10 years and we have one son, Conor who is almost 2. I do not travel as much for bowling anymore, but I still compete in many weekend tournaments around the tri-state region.

I truly feel that the values and morals which were instilled upon me during my tenure at SAS have been the catalyst for ensuring success in both my professional and personal life. When I am competing at bowling, I believe that by following the beliefs of SAS and treating everyone with respect, has enabled me to not only be successful but has also paved the way to be one of the most respected bowlers in the country.

Editors Note: What Michael was too modest to say was that twice during his high school years he was named the New Jersey Athlete of the Year, which is a rare feat for a bowler. He attended St. John's on a bowling scholarship and led their team to collegiate championships during his 4 years there. Michael's legacy also includes being named the World Amateur Bowler of the Year, Coca Cola Bowler of the Year and being a member of the USA World Cup Team (the Ryder Team of bowling).

Gianna Pisano, Class of 2011 What Saint Augustine School Means to Me

My name is Gianna Pisano and I am currently an eighth grade student at St. Augustine School. Nine years ago, when I was entering Kindergarten, my parents were looking into choosing a school that would be best for me. They chose St. Augustine School over all the other schools in the county. I am happy to say that there is no place else I would rather be! That was the best decision they could have ever made for me and my younger sister Samantha, who is now in 5th Grade. For that, I am forever thankful to them.

At St. Augustine School our motto is **FAITH + FAMILY + FUTURE**. I'd like to tell you how my education at St. Augustine's has positively impacted each of these values in my everyday life.



FAITH - Whether it be morning or afternoon prayers, attending Mass with the entire school on Monday mornings and First Fridays, or in daily religion classes, faith is an essential part of daily life at St. Augustine School. It is the basis of all things at SAS and the students learn how important it is in their lives. It has given me the guidance that will help me throughout the rest of my life knowing that Jesus Christ is the center of all things and will always there to guide me. I will continue to follow in the footsteps of all Jesus' teachings and one day will hopefully guide my own family to do the same.

FAMILY - When you walk into St. Augustine School you automatically feel an atmosphere of family. Everybody is respectful and kind to one another and are taught to bring that home with them and use it on a daily basis in everyday life. I learned how important it is to love one another as Jesus loved us and to treat others as we want to be treated. We are all one big extended family at St. Augustine's; we look out for one another, help each other and truly love one another. It is a great feeling to know we are all such an important part of this family.

FUTURE - St. Augustine's has taught me that my future definitely looks bright. I am proud to say that I have recently been accepted to two Catholic High Schools of my choice and look forward to continuing my Catholic School Education. With the strong educational and spiritual foundation set for me by St. Augustine School's teachers, staff and clergy I know that I can achieve whatever I want to do.

This year St. Augustine School is celebrating its 50th anniversary. I hope in another 50 years, my grandchildren will be as proud as I am to say they attend St. Augustine School and are part of such a fantastic family.



50th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance

Thursday, May 12, 2011 – Pearl River Hilton – Pearl River, NY
 Reception 6:30 p.m. – Dinner 7:30 p.m. – Open Bar – Business Attire

Honoring

Frank DeCicco
 President
 DeCicco Family Markets

Frank Borelli
 Former CFO and Director
 Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc.

Senator Joseph Holland
 Former New York State Senator
 Rockland County

Dominican Sisters of Sparkill

RESERVATION FORM

- \$25,000 Benefactor Table**
 Premium dinner seating for 10 guests, special recognition from the podium, double-page spread in the dinner journal, listing as dinner co-chair on all printed materials, and logo placement on website
- \$10,000 Patron Table**
 Prime dinner seating for 10 guests, special recognition from the podium, and double-page spread in the dinner journal
- \$5,000 Sponsor Table**
 Dinner seating for 10 guests, and a full-page ad in the dinner journal
- Individual Ticket(s) _____ at \$1,000 per ticket**
 Prime dinner seating
- Individual Ticket(s) _____ at \$500 per ticket**
 Dinner seating
- Parishioner Ticket(s) _____ at \$100 per ticket**
 For parish members, students' families, alumni, and friends
- I am unable to attend, but pleased to make a fully tax deductible contribution of \$_____.

50th Anniversary Gala Dinner Journal Advertising Opportunities

- \$225 Full-page Ad
- \$175 Half-page Ad
- \$100 Quarter-page Ad
- \$ 50 Eighth-page Ad (Business Card)

The deadline for all journal materials is April 18, 2011

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Contributions are fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law; the non-deductible portion of each dinner ticket is \$50. Projects Plus, Inc. under the direction of Pat De Sibio has been retained by the Church of Saint Augustine to manage the dinner.

Student Council News

By Mrs. Jeanne Guarino, Moderator

St. Augustine's Student Council is made up of representatives from Grades 5-8. Each member is chosen by his/her peers and participates in all aspects of Student Council activities. The Student Council is proud to sponsor an eight-year-old boy named Christian, from Ecuador, made possible through participation in the "Sponsor a Child" program by the nonprofit Children International. Through our monthly sponsorship, Christian receives clothing, shoes, school supplies and basic health care. Each month the Student Council is sent monthly progress reports on Christian's progress from Children International. Members take the lead role in coordinating school-wide raffles of items that they personally donate. Raffles are held during Halloween, Christmas, Easter and Valentine's Day. These raffles are held at recess with members volunteering their time to sell chances. All proceeds go towards maintaining our sponsorship program with Children International.

Student Council members take pride in service to our local community by making homemade cards for residents at Sunrise Assisted Living in New City. The staff at Sunrise tell us each year how happy the residents are to receive our holiday cards. Through active involvement in our community, Student Council demonstrates how important and gratifying helping others can be. During the year, the school and parish families participate in Boxtops for Education, a program from General Mills that gives ten cents for each Boxtop collected from their numerous products. Members cut out, count, and package Boxtops to get funding for the needs of our school. This year, for the first time, Student Council participated in the Adopt-A-Family program through Catholic Community Services of Rockland. Each member brought in a donation making it possible to buy gifts for a little boy and his mother. I am very proud of all the Student Council members for donating their time, helping others in our community, leading by example and making a difference in a young boy's life in Ecuador.



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