



# Saint Michael Academy Parents Newsletter

## January 2010

### Happy New Year!

Saint Michael Academy wishes you and your family a blessed year. During 2009, the school grew and changed. This year we will continue to improve and to offer your daughter the best possible education.

### Ball Drive

We collected 191 balls for children and youth in war-torn Afghanistan—thanks to you. Nine boxes of tennis balls, volleyballs, soccer balls and more were deflated and shipped on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The balls were collected as part of a relationship building program between American troops and villagers. Trust between these two groups is critical for keeping locals from Taliban membership. The US Army will film the exchange and send video streams to the school; we will share these images with everyone.

### Tuition and Fees Policy

Report cards and transcripts will be held until all financial obligations (tuition, fees, candy money) have been met. Report Card Day is coming up on February 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are unsure of your financial obligations, please call the school.

### Report Cards

On Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> we will cancel classes so that you can speak with your daughter's teachers from 3-6PM. All parents are permitted and encouraged to meet with teachers. If your financial obligations are not met, you will not receive your daughter's report card, but you can still meet with her teachers to discuss her progress in her specific classes. We look forward to seeing you then.

### Guidance

Senior parents should have begun filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and must complete it no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>. Go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). A financial aid information packet was distributed to seniors early in December. For a copy of the packet, parents should email Mrs. Darling at [st.michaelguidance@gmail.com](mailto:st.michaelguidance@gmail.com)

### Contacting Your Daughter's Teachers

The best way to speak to your daughter's teachers is at Report Card Day. If you need to speak to a teacher before then, call the school at (212) 563-2547. Leave a message at the front desk that includes your name, your daughter's name, the teacher's name and a phone number. The teacher will return your call within 48 hours of receiving your message.

### Uniform

January, February and March will be cold! This is a reminder that the school sweater is a mandatory part of the uniform. Your daughter will be permitted to wear *only* a school sweater while in the school. To purchase a sweater, contact Lu-Del's Uniforms at (914) 969-2664.

### Yearbook

Shout-outs and full, half and quarter-page dedications to your daughter in the 2009-2010 yearbook can be purchased by contacting Mrs. Dominowski. Leave a message at the front desk for details. Yearbooks are available for sale to underclasswomen. Books cost \$45 and can be purchased from Ms. Nee.

### Spiritual Growth

As a Catholic school, we strive to provide your daughter with a firm moral background and guidance.

- On December 8<sup>th</sup>, the entire school gathered for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass.
- On December 18<sup>th</sup>, the school gathered for its annual Christmas assembly.
- Many students received the Sacrament of Penance this month. Thanks to Ms. Nee for organizing this new program.
- Students are encouraged to complete their community services hours and to submit their forms to Ms. Nee and Mrs. France. Without official documentation, your daughter will not receive credit for her hours. All students must complete at least half of their hours *this quarter*. Their religion grades will reflect their hours.

### Spring and Mother's Day Yankee Candle Sale

This optional fundraising event will begin on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and end Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Yankee Candles make wonderful gifts and a portion of the sales goes to benefit Saint Michael Academy directly. Contact Sandra Casatelli with questions.

### Tutoring

All teachers at Saint Michael Academy offer students help outside of class. Speak to your daughter about her tutoring schedule. She should arrange it with her teachers. Many students also take advantage of peer, STAR and Sunrise tutoring. Midterm and Regents exams are **this month**. All students should be reviewing for these important tests.

### Midterm Examinations

If a student is **absent** for a mid-term or final exam, a note from a **doctor** that includes the **date of the exam** must be given to Ms. Hartman. This also applies to **exams given during class time**. If Ms. Hartman does not receive a doctor's note, **the student will receive a zero for that exam**. Midterms will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Please note the additional dates. Students only come to school when they are scheduled to take an exam. Discuss with your daughter her individual schedule.

### Exam Schedule

January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Math	8:30AM	All 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , some 12 <sup>th</sup>
	Religion	11:00AM	All 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup>
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	History	8:30AM	All 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>
	English	11:00AM	All 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>
January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Regents Prep	8:30AM	<i>All students attend school from 8:30-12:00</i>
	Career Day	8:30AM	<i>All students attend school from 8:30-12:00</i>
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Language	8:30AM	All 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , some 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>
	Science	1:00AM	All 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , some 12 <sup>th</sup>
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Regents: Living Envir	8:30AM	Some 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>
	Regents: Math B	8:30AM	Some 12 <sup>th</sup>
	Regents: English	12:30PM	All 11 <sup>th</sup>
	Health	12:30PM	All 10 <sup>th</sup>
	Music	12:30PM	Some 12 <sup>th</sup>
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Regents: Spanish	8:30AM	Some 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>
	Regents: Earth Sci	8:30AM	Some 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup>
	SAT Prep	8:30AM	Some 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>
	Regents: English	12:30PM	All 11 <sup>th</sup>
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Regents: US History	8:30AM	Some 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>
	Regents: Algebra	12:30PM	Some 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>
	Regents: Chemistry	12:30PM	Some 12 <sup>th</sup>
January 29 <sup>th</sup>	Regents: Global	8:30AM	Some 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>
	Law	12:30PM	Some 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>
	Anatomy	12:30PM	Some 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>

### Calendar

#### **January**

8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1:30PM dismissal</b> , Schedule X, Faculty Meeting
	Dress down day
18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> , Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
19 <sup>th</sup>	Second Quarter Ends
20-21 <sup>st</sup>	Midterm exams
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>12PM dismissal</b> , Regents Review and Career Day
25 <sup>th</sup>	Midterm exams
26-29 <sup>th</sup>	Regents and Midterm exams

#### **February**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Third Quarter Begins, Day 1
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Schedule C, Prayer Service for Saint Blaise
8 <sup>th</sup>	6-7:30PM Open House, parents welcome
12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> , 3-6PM Report Card Day
	Parents must attend and pick up report cards
15-19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> , February Break
24 <sup>th</sup>	Schedule B, Career Presentation
25 <sup>th</sup>	Activities Sign Up