

ST. LUKE ALUMNI NEWS

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CALENDAR

- Jan 29** Catholic Schools Week Opening Liturgy
Library/Media Center Open House
- Jan 31** Internet Safety Program
- Feb 1** School Health Fair
Feb 5 School Open House
Feb 17 Penny Party - 6:30 PM
Feb 24,26 CYO One Act Play
- May 12** May Procession - 10:30 AM
- June 13** Graduation - 7 PM
- Aug 8,9** Summer Stock - Keswick Theater
- Summer** Annual Golf Outing



Newly renovated Media Center

NEWLY RENOVATED

SCHOOL LIBRARY AND MEDIA CENTER

The Summer of '05 brought many changes at St. Luke's, including a completely renovated Library and Media Center. The Library underwent a "head-to-toe" transformation courtesy of generous donations of talent, time and treasure from friends of St. Luke. Volunteers worked carefully with School Principal **Sister William Adele, SSJ**, and Librarians **Sr. Sandra Kessler** and **Sr. Marie Jude** to create a design for the space which would provide maximum functionality with a modern, up-to-date look. The space was totally reconfigured, with a new circulation desk, new bookshelves, and a stadium seating area. All-new furniture is arranged in the central portion of the library, maximizing space and giving the room an open, airy feel. Additional amenities include all new carpeting, ceiling, lighting, and a plum/burnt orange color scheme which is stimulating and bright. Newly installed Smartboard Technology completes the update.

The Library and Media Center were officially dedicated in mid-December at a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception.

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State-of-the-art Technology Lab

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OPENS

With the New Year comes new beginnings, so it's a fitting time to publish our first issue of the **St. Luke Alumni News**.

St. Luke's Development Office officially opened in September, 2005. The Development Office serves many purposes and will take on many roles, the most important of which is to facilitate the *meaningful involvement of people in our mission and vision for the future*.

Development efforts can reach in countless directions and can take varied forms. The establishment of a strong **Alumni Association** is vital to all school development efforts. The purpose of this publication is to keep our alumni engaged and informed on alumni and school news.



Alumni Association

Our new Alumni Association is in the early stages of creation. Our ultimate goal in this area is to develop an up-to-date database of St. Luke Alumni, for purposes of Class Reunions and Special Events. The database has been established, and Graduating Classes are being entered. The challenge is to gather current contact information for our Alumni - a little detective work involved. Steady progress is being made! Please help us along by visiting our web page

at:
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Middle States Reaccreditation

In a continuing effort to remain on the cutting edge in education, St. Luke's began the process for Middle States Reaccreditation in Summer, 2005. First accredited in 10/85 by the Middle States Commission and reaccredited in 10/96, St. Luke's has once again voluntarily undertaken this daunting task of Reaccreditation to be completed by Fall of 2006. The process can be completed every 10 years.

A Middle States Accreditation is a distinction earned by schools that meet rigorous standards. It is a stamp of approval which signals a school's commitment to continuous improvement, and assures the public of the high quality of education and programs offered by the school.

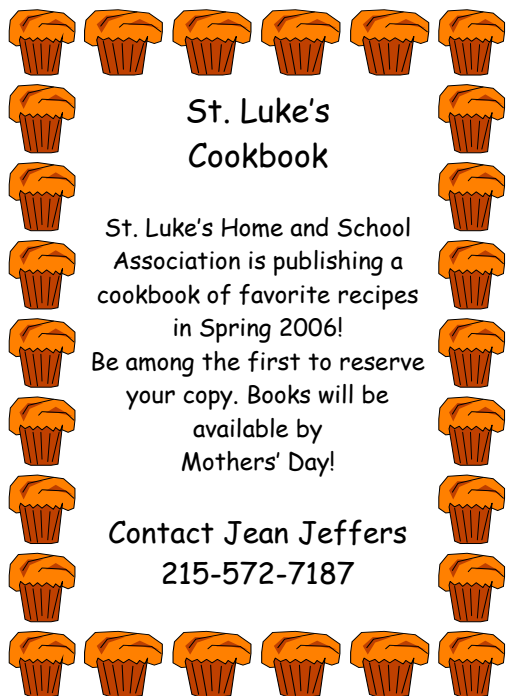
The process involves faculty committees as well as broad community involvement. The Planning Team includes parishioners, school parents, business leaders, **Alumni**, students and administration.

School Principal **Sister William Adele, SSJ** and her team members publish a newsletter, *A Middle States Moment*, which includes updated information on the Reaccreditation process.

HOLA!

St. Luke School was one of 58 archdiocesan elementary schools that applied for a Spanish Pilot Program targeting primary grade children. Of the 58 applicants, St. Luke School was one of 15 schools selected! Children will be learning Spanish through special video lessons.

Congratulations to St. Luke School!



St. Luke's Cookbook

St. Luke's Home and School Association is publishing a cookbook of favorite recipes in Spring 2006!

Be among the first to reserve your copy. Books will be available by Mothers' Day!

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Reunions

1956 - 50th Reunion - June 3, 2006
Spring House Tavern, Gwynned
Contact: Maria (Luca) Della Greca '56
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Classes of: '41, '46, '51, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, '01
Contact Development Office

In this first issue of St. Luke Alumni News our focus is on the Class of 2002, who are currently high school seniors. In future issues, we'll print news from ALL classes, so don't be shy - contact us and tell us what's new with YOU!!!

CLASS NEWS

Christine Dunn (second from right) is the 2005-2006 Student Council President at Mount St. Joseph Academy. Christie achieved First Honors in the first semester.



Jamie Hendel (center) was commended at Bishop McDevitt High School by the National Merit Scholarship Program. Jamie has served on Student Council for her four years at McD, and currently holds the position of President. Jamie is also the Conference Chair for the upcoming 3/06 Student Council Workshop, which will host 800-1000 students!



Brooke Wittek is appearing in Royal Masque's spring production of *Anything Goes* at Bishop McDevitt. This will be Brooke's 8th consecutive production at McDevitt. Brooke also served as Co-Chair of the Student Council Red Cross Committee and is looking forward to studying Nursing at Gwynned Mercy College.

Bishop McDevitt Sports

Brian Mitros All-Catholic Football
Robert Marino Honorable Mention All-Catholic Football
Michael Pisko Varsity All-Star Ice Hockey

Bishop McDevitt - First Honors First Semester

Angela Donatelli, Stephen Gallagher, Nicole Gordon, Jamie Hendel, Jennifer Johnson, John Melchiorre, Edward Spencer

LaSalle H.S. - First Honors First Semester

John Buonomo, Joseph Hughes, Matthew Ihlein, James Prendergast

Christine May is Captain of Gwynedd Mercy's Golf Team and serves as Vice President of the Respect Life Committee.

Mary Kain is the Captain of Abington High School's Cross Country and Track Teams. Mary successfully completed the Philadelphia Marathon (26.2 miles!) in November.

John Buonomo of La Salle is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. John has been a member of the Belcrofters Chorus for the past 4 years and was selected to sing with the All Catholic Chorus Festival this past winter.

Devin Cowhey of Bishop McDevitt was selected for the All-Catholic Girls' Soccer 2nd Team. Devin was 3rd Leading Scorer in McDevitt's division in the Catholic League, and was named Athlete of the Week by Montgomery Newspapers. Devin is also involved with the World Affairs Club at McDevitt and serves as Co-Chair for the Student Council Red Cross Committee.



Christopher Tull earned his Eagle Scout Medal in February. Chris's Scout project involved work at Briar Bush Nature Center. Chris participates in outdoor field events (shotput, javelin, discus) at LaSalle HS.

Dennis Monahan of St. Joseph's Prep is the Editor-in-Chief of the student newspaper, The Hawklet, and the Photo Editor of the school yearbook. Dennis was awarded the Silver Medal 2005 for the National Latin Exam and is an Eagle Scout in Troop 304, currently serving as Assistant Scoutmaster.

Mary Bridget Bocchino is President of the Spirit Club and a GMA Ambassador at Gwynned Mercy. Mary is a Kairos Leader and is planning to study Education at West Chester University in the fall.

We'd like to hear from YOU!

Name _____ Class of _____
 Maiden name (if applicable) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 E-mail _____

Tell us what's new with you: _____

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