

CHRISTOPHER CHRONICLE

St. Christopher's School - Staten Island, New York

Alumni Newsletter - Fall 2011

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"Music in the Air this Fall at St. Christopher's"

2011 FALL MUSIC FESTIVAL - OCT 1

Reserve your Seats Today - Open to Everyone

This year's Festival is the 3rd annual Alumni sponsored fundraiser for our school.

Expecting another sell out this year with an amazing night of music, dinner and dancing.
Make your reservations today or connect with classmates to get together for a great time.

Performing "Left Field" a Classic Rock-n-Roll All-Star Band (60's-80's)



Special Guest Appearance **"The Quinn Brothers Band"**

MC for the Show - **Bruce Copp** from the **"Elegants"** also playing 50's songs

Includes a Buffet Dinner by V&J Soriano's of Great Kills - Voted BEST on SI

\$45pp in advance (\$50pp at the door) Cash Bar Call Brad Copp 973-441-2017 for info

St. Christopher Alumni Association Now Partnering with "CAP" Catholic Alumni Partnership

What is (CAP) Catholic Alumni Partnership? It was created by the Archdiocese to help support Catholic elementary schools and Alumni organizations. The St. Christopher Alumni Association, now with over 2000 registered graduates is consider one of the most successful Alumni organizations in the NY Archdiocese. For the past 3 years our organization has helped reconnect graduates, sponsor fundraisers, offer special programs such as Career Day and promote the Annual Alumni Gift Giving Campaign with this year's goal of \$25,000. The Catholic Alumni Partnership is lending us much needed assistance in a number of areas: improved data management, support future mailings and most important providing Match Funds for our gift giving contributions made from our generous graduates. Together we will work towards making our school stronger in the future but only if each graduate and friend of St. Christopher's supports this effort. CAP Website: www.clickyes.com

Alumni Council: Fr. Dennis Billy '67; Bradley Copp '67; Michele McCormack Smith '67;

Gerri Pepe Curty '76; Ed Curty '63; Larry Egan '63; Dawn Lavender Cacciola '74; Mike Lapetina '54; Sharon

Argenziano Sergi '86; Andrea Hoffman '02 **Committee Members:** Bob Ryan '58; Theresa Keane '76A; Jennifer Hoffman-Zavaglia '99 **(Please Contact us to Volunteer for future Events)**

FR. JOE'S CORNER.....

Dear Alumni & Friends of St. Christopher,

Great things continue to happen at St. Christopher School thanks to the support of many including the generosity of the graduates, parents and friends of our very special school.

Sadly there have been a number of Catholic School closings this past year, part of Archbishop Timothy Dolan's restructuring of Catholic education. St. Christopher's has been working very hard to improve itself in a number of areas to meet future goals, so I am happy to report the following:

- A significant increase in Student Enrollment for the 2011 school year.
- Approved for a 2nd Universal Pre-K Class.
(Paid for by NY which helps financially and acts as a feeder program for the upper grades)
- Update in Technology adding newer Computers
- Refinishing the Gym Floor for the first time in years.
- Additional Physical improvements funded by the Alumni Association

Only together can we keep St. Christopher's strong! I cannot thank you enough for your recent support and pray that you will continue to be part of giving back to your school in the future.

Sincerely, Fr. Joe McLafferty-Pastor

ALUMNI NEWS.....

The Alumni First Annual Gift Giving Campaign Update

Over 100 very generous Alumni & Friends have donated **\$8,000** in the first months of the 2011 Alumni Gift Giving Campaign BUT is still far short of our modest **goal of \$25,000**. We were also able to obtain **\$5,000** from the Catholic Alumni Partnership (CAP) in matching funds.

Our Alumni organization with over 2000 registered graduates can be a powerful force for the future of St. Christopher's School if everyone joins us. As graduates we must send a clear message to the Archdiocese and to the school that we ALL care and are willing to help. Our school family is now asking for our help and we cannot let them down. So often people do not respond until things are beyond hope and it's too late. Only with a strong powerful Alumnus can we help the school control its own destiny.....so the Alumni Council, your fellow graduates are asking each one of you to join us to be part of the solution. The school gave us a wonderful gift and it's now time to show our loyalty and gratitude. Please join All your fellow graduates by giving in the next gift request mailing this November to help us reach our 2011 goal of \$25,000.

2011 Fall Music Festival -Oct 1st

The 3rd Annual Alumni Sponsored event is open to everyone. Plan a get together with classmates, family or friends to come and have a great time. The past events which have sold out have been a huge success so be apart of another fun night this year. Proceeds to benefit St. Christopher School.

2013 – Next ALL School Reunion Planned

Our first all school reunion which was held in 2008 was an overwhelming success. Our goal is to have an ALL School Reunion every 5 years so the next will be the **Fall of 2013**, not to far away.

Sincerely, The St. Christopher Alumni Council

To view St. Christopher Facebook page (Google) St. Christopher School - Staten Island

2011 St. Christopher Founders Award Dinner

Sponsored by the St. Christopher Alumni Association

Held at the St. Christopher Community Center this Past May

Honored: The Presentation Sisters, John Giordano '67, Matthias & Adele Gleason, Carmine Angioli & Kathleen Owens

Class of 1967

Bob Brennan, Ed Curty ('63), & Larry Egan ('63)

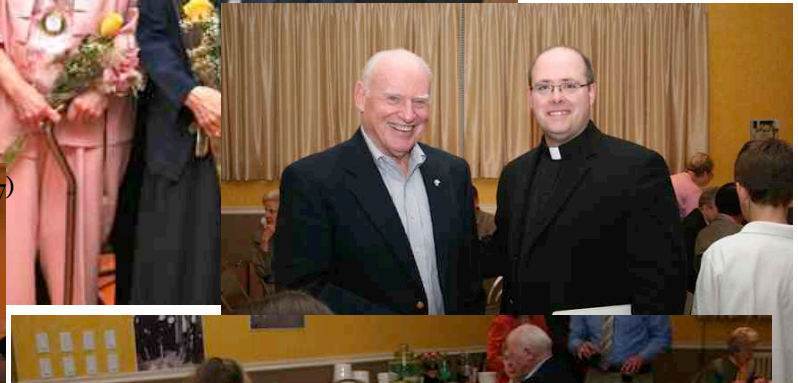


2011 Honorees



John Cooney ('48) and Fr. Joe McLafferty - Pastor

Laura Billy ('72), Brian Sparry ('68), Venise Ancona ('67)



Gary Hett ('68) and Carmine Angioli



Andrea Hoffman ('02) and Jennifer Hoffman-Zavaglia ('99)

Pictures provided by Mario DiCrocco

2011-2012 Alumni Sponsored Events

Oct 1st - 2011 Fall Music Festival *Great Music, Dinner & Dancing* - 7PM (Doors Open 6:30PM)

Performing: **“Left Field”** (Classic Rock Party Band 60’s-80’s)
“The Quinn Brothers Band” w/ MC -**Bruce Copp** from the **“Elegants”**

Nov - 2011 Gift Giving Campaign (Next Gift Mailing Request) **Help reach our Goal of \$25,000**

Feb (TBA) - Alumni sponsored Career Day at St. Christopher School (Contact us to volunteer)

May 18th - St. Christopher Founders Awards Dinner- 7PM – Community Center
“Recognizing those who have supported the School & Community” Open to All

May 19th - St. Christopher Day – “Street Fair” on Lisbon Place – Noon - Open to All

Other Event Dates: **Oct 22nd**- Chef Mario’s Marconi Dinner; **Dec 14th & 16th** - Christmas Concert
March 23 - Chinese Auction; **April 21st** - \$10,000 Dinner Dance

Alumni Profiles:

Edward R. Curty Jr- Chief Financial Officer, 5 Penn Plaza LLC, NYC

Graduate: St. Christopher School-1963; Msgr. Farrell H.S.-1967; St Francis College- 1971

Other Interests: Sports fan of the NY & SI Yankees; Jets & Giants & collector of sports memorabilia.

Favorite Teacher: Sr. Josephia

Who in the 5th grade Sr. Josphia renamed Ed to James for the whole year since she said he looked like a James? Ed has been married to his wife Angela for 39 years and lives in Randall Manor, SI; spends time with his nieces and nephews. Ed has volunteered at Historic Richmondtown, the Decker Farm, co- chaired the Richmondtown Gala & volunteered at the Richmond County Fair with Angela.

Memories of St. Christopher’s: “Looking back on the education we all received in the 50’s & 60’s most of our teachers were Presentation Sisters who donated their teaching time with the exception of Mrs. DeMartines. The education we received was excellent. The cost was more than affordable at \$5 a semester; \$10 per year!

Unfortunately, today the cost is more than 350 times my tuition. To provide the same education is now truly a hardship for parents wanting to give their children the same Catholic education. Having returned to the school recently and seeing the “happy faces” on each and every student it is apparent that they too are receiving a valuable learning experience which will become their learning foundation for the rest of their lives. Therefore, I believe it is now time for the Alumni to give back to St. Christopher School to enable this tradition.”

Ed is currently a member of the St. Christopher Alumni Council and a generous donor to the school & community.



Andrea Hoffman – Working on her Masters Degree while pursuing a career in Event Planning.

Graduated: St. Christopher’s School-2002; St. John Villa H.S; CSI w/ a degree in Early Childhood Education.

Other Interests: Volunteered at St. Christopher’s teaching CCD for 10 yrs; Coaching the Cheerleading teams.

When the Alumni organization formed she joined the Alumni Council as a young graduate since she learned at an early age from her parents the importance of volunteering & the meaning of community.

Memories of St. Christopher’s: Andrea’s memories are of her many great teachers from the past and some who are still at the school today. A specific memory came to mind while Andrea was teaching place values to her own math class.... Andrea’s 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Falabella’s (now Principal) voice came into her head. “Ones & tens & hundreds & coma ... Mrs. Falabella had our class stand up; sing the place value song and dance too! So of course, I went and taught my own class that same song and dance. Its memories such as this one that I am so grateful for my parent’s decision of sending my sister and I to St. Christopher’s. When I go to the school today for an event such as the Christmas Show, Special Person’s day, or Career Day, I love seeing the children engaged in these activities and the smiles on their faces. As my own ten years since graduating approaches I am looking forward to planning a gathering with my former classmates to see where everyone is in their lives and reconnecting with each other. As many Catholic schools are currently closing, being on the alumni committee and supporting St. Christopher’s is important now more than ever. However, being able to share my memories, encouraging others to share theirs, as well as create new ones, is perhaps the most important of all.”

Andrea is currently the youngest member on the Alumni Council and is this years Coordinator for the Fall Music Festival on Oct 1st. She asks for everyone to come out this year to join her especially the young Alumni.

