



The Blue & White

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Congratulations to the **Class of 2008**



The Board of Governors, Faculty and Staff of Mount Saint Agnes Academy congratulates the Class of 2008 for their tremendous achievement. We are very proud of their academic performance and wish them God's blessings and much success in all their future endeavors.

Christopher Abraham, Kristina Amaro, Chloé Baron, Cynthia Bean, Dane Benjamin, Claudia Borges, Shaun Brown, Catarina Bulhões, Charée Butterfield, Rondrica Butterfield, Michelle Camara, Jason Carreiro, Sabrina Caton, Jeoffrey Chisnall, Janice DeBraga, Tiffani DeSilva, Eulannae Douglas, Frederick Eatherley, Tyson Flood, Kashintae Fox, Matthew Gerardo, Scott Greenslade, Shelby Hollis, Ashley Kiernan, Phillip Lawrence, Melissa Lima, Megan Mahoney, Alexander Martin, Devin McCallum, Ryan Moniz, Ashleigh Pacheco, Erik Pimentel, Joshua Preyra-Leader, Thomas Pugh, Rafael Silveira, Javier Shillingford, Terran Simmons-Talbot, Matthew Sinclair, André Smith and Alexis Trott.

Principal's Message Submitted by Sue Moench

Graduation.....what does it really mean? To some parents relief and others excitement; to teachers a sense of pride on a job well done; and to students, well it depends on what day you ask them.....today it means "party" but next week it will bring a realization that high school is now over and when summer vacation ends I'm going to have to start commencing the rest of my life!!

To be part of a graduating class of MSA is truly an honor. One that you may not realize, but once the realities of life hit you with all its complexities, you will grow to appreciate the importance of why we insisted you be on time for school, hand in assignments promptly, learn how to communicate with your friends by talking to them and not emailing or text messaging them, walk instead of run in the hallways, listen attentively to morning announcements, respect your teachers and adults, sing in the Glee Club, read enthusiastically and appreciate why we opened our day with a prayer.

Life isn't about what you did in high school it's about what you will do after.

When I graduated from MSA I really didn't pay much attention to what MSA did for me. My first semester of university was spent counting the days until I would be back in Bermuda. It was the next semester that took me on a journey which ended up with me taking thirty-five years before I would return home to live.

University for me was my opportunity to grow and mature into something I could hardly believe. I was never sure what I wanted to do when I was growing up, but now I knew. I loved the experience of being a teacher. Teaching for me was about shaping the future. Learning together and taking on new challenges. To me being with children and being part of their learning experience is the most exhilarating and uplifting encounter. I was never satisfied with teaching one subject, but

my life's journey has been to be a life-long learner and I loved learning with my students.

So why did I say graduating from MSA is an honor? Any school can teach the textbook stuff, but a school which has principles based on faith, loyalty and truth teaches how to live as real peopleI learned never to accept mediocrity.....when I reached the so called "bar" I pushed it. I never stopped setting goals for myself. I learned...when it is important...never to be late. Being late is a sign of disorganization. I learned how to speak and be heard. If you are going to say something important make it meaningful. I learned to be a team member and to have team spirit...we can't do it alone, work with those around you. I learned to discipline myself (and of course how to discipline others). I learned how to be committed to my goals and how to be committed in my relationships. I learned how to give and forgive. I learned the importance of respect and understanding. I learned about flexibility, but above all I have learned that having a spiritual foundation is what has sustained me and made me who I am.



Principal's Message continued

The school's motto has taken me through life....nothing without God.

A final lesson to the graduates, and a lesson for us all is about 8 virtues. Remember that virtues are the essence of human spirit and the content of our character.

To really be successful we should be:

- Nurturing
- Responsible
- Tolerant
- Courageous
- Dependable
- Loyal
- Compassionate
- Hopeful

As you move through phases of your life--make these habits something real for you--use them to make your life meaningful.

Nurturing is characterized through caring, being supportive, and a willingness to share your time. Be kind to those around you. Listen attentively so that you will be listened to.

Dependability is being there for others through all the times of their lives. Be someone others will grow to depend on, respect, and look up to. Be there as a friend and companion. Know when it is important to be counted on.

Responsibility means demonstrating a personal commitment to each task. Keep focused on what is important. Maintain a strong commitment to keeping promises. Know how to accept responsibility even when faced with adversity.

Loyalty is the habit that brings people together. Loyalty involves listening, laughing and sharing the good with the bad. Loyalty is probably the easiest habit to develop, but the complexities of life will challenge it. In this world where loneliness haunts lives and low self esteem can invade our hearts, it is loyalty that will keep our hearts together.

Tolerance is the habit that goes beyond relationships to extend a welcome to those who may be different from ourselves. Being tolerant is critical for us to understand and appreciate our differences.

Compassion involves believing that others can be successful, telling them so, and praising their accomplishments. You must also set high expectations for yourselves and never lower your standards. Know you are good and push to succeed. Share your success and praise others for theirs.

Courage is standing up and doing the right thing, speaking out on behalf of others, and making a commitment to succeed even when it becomes difficult. Sometimes it may be difficult to proceed, but it will take courage to do the right thing and

Chairman's Message

Submitted by Garry Madeiros

School is out, and I can hear the cheer from both the students and faculty, summer has started and a new administration has completed their first year of leadership. In reflection it was a challenging year for Mrs. Moench and Mrs. DiGiacomo but one that they handled extremely well. They have demonstrated an ability and strength to manage the tough issues and in so doing with fairness and sensitivity.

At the end of August the Board of Governors will be losing three Board members, Father Jerry Kroetsch, Mr. Raymond Tannock and Mr. Anthony Joaquin. These gentlemen have made a meaningful and lasting contribution to our school. They have worked diligently and compassionately, and we will miss their wise counsel. We appreciate their commitment, dedication and hard work, and thank them sincerely for their involvement.

At the June Board Meeting the officers of the Board were elected for a one year term. They are; myself as Chairman, Mrs. Tonya (Marshall) Madeiros as Vice Chairman, Mr. Chris Coelho as Treasurer and Mr. William DeSilva Jr. as Secretary.

always dream about tomorrow. Courage is also about being there for someone else and showing you care.

And finally, Hope. Hope is believing in tomorrow. Hope is always looking beyond today's circumstances to an uncertain future. Hope is something we must all hold onto. When you can hope you have learned to see with your heart.

These habits of the heart form a true foundation for how you can live your life. Remember to be true to yourself and then you can be true to others.

Live. Love and cherish life. Make friends, memories, and plans. Your life is about you, but life is not about you. Fall in love. Love the fall and winter and spring and summer. Ski, skate, sing and dance. Smell the rain and the chocolate chip cookies. Take all the time you need, but don't waste it. Catch the big one with your dad. Go on that trip with your mom. Love children, for you were once one. Learn from your elders, and one day you'll have their wisdom. Seek the truth. Find it in yourself, others, and the God of your faith. Be patient and gentle. Most of all, truly live.

Best wishes and God Bless for a happy and safe summer.

Three years ago the Alumni Association initiated a cocktail party on the Friday after Graduation for the new Alumni members, the Graduating class. This initiative was extremely important because it provided an opportunity for other alumni to reunite with classmates and other alumni in addition to interacting with the latest class of the alumni family. This year an additional event was added which was an Alumni Mass on the Sunday. There was a choir of approximately 45 to 50 people, mostly alumni that sang for the occasion. A reception was held afterward for a further opportunity for classes of the past to re-connect. I commend the leadership of the Alumni Association for their commitment and hard work.

This summer a number of our Capital Campaign projects will commence. The projects will include the new fire alarm system which will bring the school up to code; new windows; and the addition of a media lab that will have 50 workstations and a retractable wall, which will allow it to be one or two rooms based on need. In excess of \$750,000 will be expended on these important projects. We also plan on making an additional \$500,000 payment on our outstanding debt which will reduce the remaining balance to \$445,000.

Our 2005 Strategic Plan still provides us the direction and actions required to continually improve the school and the product we offer. In September two more actions will be initiated. Both will support two major objectives of the plan. The first, to encourage and guide each student to reach his or her full potential and the second, to evolve the educational program to meet modern demands. There will be an establishment of a middle school environment for Grades 6-8, which will provide these students with a smoother transition from self-contained classes that they have become accustomed to in Grades K-5, to the heavily departmentalized high school environment.

A curriculum specialist has been contracted to join us in September to analyze the current curriculum for strengths and areas requiring improvement.

The Board extends its thanks and appreciation to the administration, faculty and staff for their dedication and hard work, and the role they have played in the lives of our students throughout this school year. We also convey our best wishes and good luck in the future endeavors of the faculty who will be leaving us this year.

SPORTS

MSA Boys Volleyball Team 2008 Bermuda School Sports Federation Medalists

Submitted by Bruce Sinclair

Mount Saint Agnes Academy Saints once again had a strong volleyball season!

The Saints finished a very impressive first and second place in the high school league play this season. The Varsity Saints went undefeated and the Junior Saint's only loss was in a close contest to their more senior counterparts. While it was a short season, the athletes on these teams showed a tremendous level of development in their character and skill.

The 2008 Bermuda School Sports Federation volleyball tournament was held at MSA on Thursday May 29th. Both teams went through the round robin with solid records. The Varsity Saints placing first and the Junior Saints finishing third. Both teams ended up succumbing to a very spirited Warwick Academy side. The Junior Saints lost in the semi finals while the Senior Saints lost a very close match in the championship game.

The varsity team took the silver medal and the junior varsity team the bronze medal.

Matthew Sinclair was clearly the best overall player in the tournament. Strong efforts were also put forward by Scott Greenslade and Thomas Pugh. For the Junior side Eric Cabral and Robert Saraiva were exceptional and have a bright future in volleyball ahead of them.

Congratulations to all the boys who participated on the Saints volleyball teams this year. Without a strong turnout and strong commitment from all players this program would not have happened.

All members of the team are champions!

Crystal Clear Corporate Volleyball Tournament

Submitted by Bruce Sinclair

This year MSA entered three teams in the Crystal Clear Corporate Volleyball tournament hosted by the Bermuda Volleyball Association. The students put in two teams, *Bye and Saturday Detention* while the teachers, parents and alumni team was called *One Degree of MSA*. Both Teams played strong in the round robin of the tournament but waited to find their true stride in the championship rounds.

After a rain delay, the *Saturday Detention* team went on to compete for and win the consolation final. The alumni team was able to capture the overall tournament title.



Saturday Detention team members included, Thomas Pugh, Scott Greenslade, Eric Cabral, Michelle Cardoso, Melanie Lopes, Michelle Peichoto and Emilie George.



The *One Degree of MSA* team included Juanita Blee, Valerie Martins, Christine DaCosta, Stacey Medeiros, Sean Kelly, Dustin Ferris and Bruce A. Sinclair.

High School Girls Volleyball

Submitted by Juanita Blee

The High School Girls Volleyball Teams had another very successful year.

The Junior Team played the season with a 2 and 1 match record only losing to one of the BHS teams. The team then split into two teams for the end of season tournament. Both teams advanced to the semi-final games. The semi's saw MSA versus BHS in each match. One of the MSA teams was able to win and make it to the finals. Unfortunately they lost in a very close match against BHS to earn themselves the silver medals. The silver medalists included Akira MacDonald (captain), Christine Terceira, Jasmine DeBraga, Chelsea Terceira, Chelsea Nelmes and Nikki Thomas.

The Senior Team were outstanding all season with a 4 and 0 match record. The team had high expectations heading into the end of season tournament. The team completed the round robin play undefeated and entered the semi-finals. They defeated Cedarbridge and moved into the final to play Saltus for the championship. The team again surged ahead to win the match and finish their year undefeated.



The championship team included: Sabina Caton (Captain), Kristina Amaro (Captain), Michelle Camara, Janice DeBraga, Michelle Cardoso, Melanie Lopes (missing from picture below), Emilie George, Michelle Kelly, Michelle Peichoto and Tiffany Sousa.



The Bermuda Volleyball Association introduced a new award called the "High School Player of the Year Award". The award has been introduced to increase recognition of high school players for their sportsmanship and athleticism. After each match the coach voted for a player for the opposing team for this award. The athlete with the most votes at the end of the season wins the award. The girls voting was very closely contested with a six way tie. A re-vote was done by the girls team coaches and Michelle Cardoso of MSA won the award. Michelle won a trophy, certificate and \$1000.00 scholarship to attend an overseas volleyball camp.

Duke of Edinburgh

On Tuesday, June 3rd the following students: Celina Araujo, Jennifer Chisnall, Amanda Correia, Brittini DeMelo, Sierrah Raynor, Heather Sinclair and Ann Marie Warren, received their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. To receive the Bronze Award they must have completed a service, skill and sports component - one of these for a 6 month time and the other two for 3 months.

In addition they must have attended training sessions on Red Cross CPR/Emergency and sessions at school to prepare them for their Expedition. They completed a 7 mile practice walk and then a 15 mile Expedition. Savannah Tribley and Amber White received the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award.



Rafael Silveira

As I think back over the past 6 months it feels a little sad to think that my time at Mount Saint Agnes Academy is finished. I arrived in January not knowing anyone and now I feel like I have made so many friendships which I will carry back with me to Brazil after my time at Bermuda College. I have enjoyed all of my classes in the school, particularly Oceanography and Digital Photography, and also Study, where I had so much fun with Ms. Laing. I would like to thank all my teachers. I had great fun at the photography camp on Grace Island, along with students and teachers. Also the Scavenger Hunt, where my group was the winner. This gave me the best tour of Bermuda.

Besides school, I've attended several events on the Island. The Shakespeare Schools Festival at Berkeley Institute was a very special and unique occasion where I met the Governor of Bermuda, Sir. Richard Gozney. That night was absolutely exciting



for me. The schools did a great job in the plays, having *Anthony and Cleopatra* and *Henry V* as my favorite ones. Also I've been in to the XL Bermuda Tennis Open, where I followed point by point the tight victory of Nishikori over Troicki.

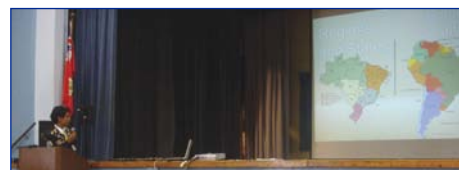
As I am a Rotary Exchange Student, I've been in Rotary meetings constantly. Every Wednesday evening at Henry VIII, the Rotary Club of Sandys receives a guest speaker. And I have to say that I've been enjoying each meeting along with the fellow Rotarians of my club. I think one of the best evenings or probably the one with much discussion this year was when the Chairman of the Security Road Safety Council came in to talk about security on the roads. I really think something should be changed here after the tenth death on the road this year, and I have to say that quite a few of them were related to my friends at MSA, which is a shame. Drinking and Driving is definitely not a good mix, and racing is not a good trend either.



After graduation, my plans are to enjoy the summer among my friends and to do some volunteer work. Bermuda College will start mid-August and I just can't wait to be on the campus enjoying my final

months on the Island. When I go back to Brazil I will start University after a tough selective process. In the future I want to work with computers and I'm probably going to do a six-year university course that holds both computer science and engineering.

The school year has finished and time for prom and graduation has gone. I think I did my part and the school did the other half. I got along with the school spirit and I'm sure I'm going to miss the school greatly. Being the Mr. Bunny at Easter was certainly remarkable and enjoyable as was talking about my home country, Brazil, to the whole high school, which actually was a big challenge for me.



MSA is a part of my family and the Class of '08 are like my brothers and sisters. Thank you so much!

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The Alpha Beautillion

Submitted by Matthew Sinclair

Founded at Cornell University, Alpha Phi Alpha is the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity for African-Americans. This year I had the honor and privilege of participating in one of the many community outreach programs established by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Epsilon Theta Lambda Chapter here in Bermuda: The Alpha Beautillion. The Alpha Beautillion is a competition (for a \$5000 scholarship) between a select group of male students: one from each of the high schools. In its seventh year the Beautillion saw its largest number of competitors: seven. For the Beautillion, this was a year of firsts. It is the first year that Mount Saint Agnes Academy has participated, and the first year that a white male has competed. The competition is based on a points system. Half of the points are earned the night of the Beautillion. The supplementary half of the points are earned from ticket sales, ads sales, two written essays, and community service. The

last of these, community service, is the main focus of the competition. Since January each of the participants had been volunteering at Matilda Smith-Williams Senior's Residence, De Boy's Reading Club, and the Math Attack program at Dellwood Middle School on a weekly basis. All of this community service has been a fulfilling experience; I have taken walks with a hearing-impaired gentleman, and been humbled by the amazing mental math of 11 year olds.

My involvement in the Beautillion has helped me to grow and to develop my potential. I even learned how to step (see Stomp the Yard)! In this point of my life it has been the most challenging, yet most rewarding endeavor that I have ever set out upon achieving. My stereotype of a fraternity (Animal House) was smashed. The fraternity is a life-long family that fosters each brother's service to one another and to the community. It has inspired me: I want to be an icy-cold, Alpha Brother (APA has been integrated since 1946). It is

this emanating service that reminds me of the MSA family. I hope that MSA will continue to be a part of this exceptional and awe-inspiring (just ask anyone who attended!) competition, and that they will support whole-heartedly their representative, their Alpha Beau.



Top: Matthew receiving first runner-up and a \$3000 scholarship.

Congratulations to Kazuma Blizman, a 2007 graduate, who was recently honored at Penn State Brandywine's Spring Honors Convocation for his academic excellence.

Alumni Week Review *Submitted by Elaine Kelly*

The 2008 Alumni Reunion Week started off with a bang on June 13th, with the annual Alumni Cocktail Party, welcoming the 2008 graduates to the MSA Alumni. The weather co-operated, providing us with a beautiful Bermuda evening. Approximately 150 people attended with alumni ranging from years as early as 1944, to several of our current graduates from 2008. Several graduating classes, celebrating reunions this year, incorporated the cocktail party into their reunion activities and therefore were well represented. Members of the Class of 1958, celebrating 50 years, the Class of 1973, celebrating 35 years and the Class of 1978, celebrating 30 years, were in attendance. The cocktail party provided alumni from all walks of life with an opportunity to revisit the school, catch up with old classmates and reminisce about their years at MSA. It also provided the younger members of the alumni with an opportunity to witness, first hand, what it means to be a member of the MSA family and how strong those bonds, which form as students attending MSA, can be and how lasting the friendships that are made.

On Sunday, June 15th, the Alumni of MSA came together to celebrate mass at St. Theresa's Cathedral at 11:30a.m. This was a new event for the Alumni Reunion Week in 2008. It was felt that as the study of Religion and attendance at Mass formed a major part of our education at MSA, it was only fitting to include a mass in our reunion celebrations. Members of the Diocesan choir, joined by several MSA alumni, under the direction of Mrs. Julie Madeiros '70, provided us with beautiful music during the mass. Other members of the MSA alumni presented the gifts and served as lectors, leader of song, and Eucharistic Ministers. A coffee social followed mass in the church hall, with many delectable goodies being

provided by alumni and friends. The event was deemed to be very successful and will become a permanent part of our reunion activities in future years.

We rounded off the Alumni Reunion Week with the annual Basketball challenge (formerly known as the Old Boys Game) on Friday, June 20th in the school gym. The evening saw a large crowd, of well over 100 people, gather to watch the younger alumni from the 2000's decade take on the more experienced and definitely more seasoned members from the 70/80s and the 90s. Several ankle and knee support/braces were spotted on the court during the course of the evening. There were four men's teams: two teams from the 2000's, split between 2000-2005 and 2006-2008; one team from the 1990's and one from the combined efforts of 1970/1980's. Combining the two decades allowed for a much larger pool to choose from, which increased their chances of actually finding enough people who could still play basketball, to form one team of at least 12 people, thereby allowing continual substitutions so they could "catch their breath". The "old girls" also fielded a team and took on the current girl's team for the 2007/2008 season. After a round robin play by the men and a 12-minute game for the women, the "old boys" and the "old girls" proved that youth is not always better. The team from the 1970/1980's ended in first place for the men's division and the "old girls" won for the women's division. Well done!!!

We look forward to seeing all of you again next year and encourage those who were unable to attend to join us for Alumni Reunion Week in 2009. The Alumni Reunion Week begins with the Cocktail Party on June 12th, 2009 and ends with the basketball game on June 19th. See you in 2009!!

'88 - 20th Reunion *Submitted by Andrea Lopes*

On Friday, June 6th the MSA Class of 1988 celebrated their 20th high school reunion. The event took place aboard the Aristocat (55 ft catamaran sailboat) where Alumni, former classmates, family and friends were treated to a wonderful cruise around the island. Everyone had a great time reminiscing of days gone by and lots of "remember when.." stories came about!! Some of our teachers even sent a few lines to read at the reunion - many thanks to Ms. Spencer who had a little something to say about everyone. Needless to say, there was a lot of laughing going on!!!! One of the highlights of the evening was when our class banner was revealed! WOW, we had thought it had been lost or destroyed long ago but alas, it was located safe and sound and in excellent condition no less! Many thanks go to Charles McNeil who flew in to Bermuda that night especially for the occasion!



Everyone had a wonderful time - so much so that a 25th reunion is already in the works!! Our love goes to all graduates/classmates who were not able to attend! Here's to 2013!!!

'78 - 30th Reunion

Submitted by Elaine Kelly

On June 15, 1978, 33 members of the Class of 1978 crossed the stage to finally graduate from MSA. As the first Kindergarten class at MSA, this was the end of a 13-year journey for many. In June 2008, we came together again, joined by many friends who had traveled part of our journey with us, to celebrate our 30-year reunion. Our reunion activities kicked off with a contingent attending the Alumni Reunion Week Cocktail Party on June 13th. We followed this up with a "happy hour...or two" at Flanagans and ended with our big Reunion event on Saturday, June 21st: a buffet dinner and dance at Fourways Palm Garden. Classmates were joined by our spouses and significant others, as well as two of our teachers, Mrs. Christine Eldridge and Mrs. Julie Madeiros, bringing our total to 50. Over drinks, dinner and dancing, we were able to catch up on what's happening in our lives and look back on our years at MSA. A slide show, a reading of the class history and "a remember when listing" helped to jog our memories. We relived our dance days at MSA by listening and dancing to tunes such as "The Hustle" and "Afternoon Delight". During the evening, several prizes, which had been donated, were raffled off, with all proceeds going towards a donation to be made to the school on behalf of the Class of 1978. We had a great time during the evening, with each of us providing different memories of our time together. We all agreed on one thing—how is it possible that 30 years have passed—after all, we all look the same (we wish)!! We look forward to getting together again for our 35th in 2013 (yikes!!) and hope that those who were not able to come this year, can join us then!

We want your memories!

Keep those memories coming in! We have received some great photos, so don't stop, keep digging!

We are looking for your contributions of photographs of the school, students, faculty and staff from all eras are encouraged. We would also welcome short stories (three paragraphs maximum per story) of your MSA memories. If anyone has old tuition bills, old concert programs bring them to the Director of Development Lisa Anne Bardgett ASAP so we can include them in a dynamic new picture book celebrating our 117-year history. Be sure to include information about each shot - including approximate date, the location and persons pictured. This fundraising publication will be a tribute to MSA's history, which we want to bring to life and preserve for posterity.

Photographs will be handled like the treasures they are and returned promptly.



True Standards

A traditional candlelight induction ceremony marked the twenty-sixth anniversary of the Elizabeth Seton Chapter of the National Honor Society. The event was held on Friday, May 16th.

The installation was conducted with the help of current members: Christopher Abraham, Kristina Amaro, Michelle Camara, Jeffrey Chisnall, Devin McCallum, Ashleigh Pacheco, Matthew Sinclair, Caroline Berlo, Patricia Chisnall, Michelle Kelly and Megan Lopes. Ten students were inducted: Michelle Cardoso, Alana DeSilva, Monica Teixeira, Matthew Coelho, Christine DeSilva, Chelsea Soares, Elizabeth Sousa, Tiffany Sousa, Chelsea Terceira and Christine Terceira.

In granting membership the Society seeks to acknowledge and to encourage high standards of commitment, achievement and performance in scholarship, service, leadership and character. It provides motivation, incentive and opportunity for students to aspire to exceptional levels of personal development and accomplishment that will strengthen and benefit their lives, the lives of others, the life of the school and the life of our island community.

Class Afloat 2008

Submitted by Bonnie Exell

2008 Graduates Janice DeBraga and Megan Mahoney will be spending their first year of college at sea. In the Class Afloat program students complete freshman university courses while travelling the world on a 168-foot tall ship along with 34 other students. This unique opportunity gives students the chance to apply classroom material to real life situations. The journey starts in Copenhagen, Denmark, and will travel through Europe, Africa, South America, Central America, Cuba, Mexico, Bermuda and Canada before returning to Europe.

The program not only educates its students, but charges them with "affecting positive change in their local, national and international communities." It also encourages students to "engage in sensitive and sustainable practices, develop leadership skills and raise cross-cultural awareness."

Congratulations and happy sailing, Janice and Megan! For the complete itinerary see www.classafloat.com.

Student "Kudos"

Fourteen baseball players have been selected to travel to Bonaire to compete in the Caribbean Region Championships in July, 2008. Three of these players attend M.S.A.: **Daniel Madeiros**, **Kneiko Richardson** and **Zachary Stecko**.

Teen Services has invited **Matthew Sinclair** (Grade 12) to attend the Caribbean Youth Working Group meeting in St. Maarten from July 10 until July 14th.

Tyler Lopes (Grade 7) on April 26th & 27th represented Bermuda in the Caribbean Equestrian Association Competition which was held at Vesey Street, Bermuda. Tyler rode in the 14-and-under age group and was up against equestrians from Jamaica, Barbados and Cayman. Both Tyler and his teammate **Megan Mahoney** (Grade 12) were coached by Abby Bardgett (an MSA Alumni). Megan and Tyler placed third overall.

Amber Reid (Grade 6) represented Dolphin Swim Team, along with six other team members, at The Dutch Invitational Caribbean Swim Meet in Curacao from April 30-May 3. Amber competed in a total of eight events where she posted her personal best times in all eight events.

Riley Ricketts (Grade 4) has been racing with the Bermuda Motocross Club for the last 5 years. He has progressed from the 50's to the 85's. His last trophy was for third place in the senior division of the 65 class. He has successfully participated in racing several bikes such as the Cobra CM, KTM Mini Adventure, KTM Pro Senior, and the Kawasaki KX65.

Jennifer Chisnall, **Heather Sinclair** and **Brittini DeSilva** (Grade 9) all represented the Bermuda Hockey Federation in Holland during the Easter break.

Cameron Pimentel (Grade 11) attended the US Mid Winters West in San Diego in late March in the Laser Radial Sailing Class. He took on a fleet of approximately 50 sailors in the tricky waters off San Diego which presented everyone with a huge challenge. Cameron, who was the highest placing Bermudian at this event, finished in 9th place overall. Cameron will be busy this summer attending the Canadian Nationals, the European Championships and the Annual CORK Regatta in Ontario. He has also recently been granted "Elite Status C" from the Bermuda Olympic Association for the sport of Sailing.

Brandon A. Sousa (Grade 7), was a delegate in the Environmental Youth Conference at BUEI - "The Power of One" on April 16th & 17th. He attended various seminars on both days to learn about the environment and how humans have impacted it.

Justin Mathias (Grade 10) has been chosen to represent the Bermuda National Bowling team to compete in Orlando, Florida in July.

James Amaral (Grade 5) and **Emily Sinclair**, (Grade 2) both play roller hockey with the Bermuda Inline Hockey League. This past April the president of the league, Tom MacNeil had a major heart attack and died while playing the game. As a tribute to him, the hockey committee organized a fund-raiser skate. With the support of the Inline Racers they were able to participate in the Bermuda Day Half Marathon Derby. This was accomplished in only 12 days and a first for participants in the Derby.

Michelle Kelly (Grade 11) was selected as the captain of the Bermuda National Debate team and represented Bermuda at the Pan American Debate Tournament, in Lima, Peru held March 31 to April 5. She was one of a four person team, with the other members coming from Saltus (1) and BHS (2). This is the third year that she has been selected for the Bermuda National Debate team and previously represented Bermuda in Wales and South Korea at the World Debate Championships.

Kyle Monkman (Grade 11) received a certificate of Professional Leadership Development at the Advance Professional Leadership Development conference which was held this past April.

Jaeda Smith (Grade 6) who plays league football for Pembroke Hamilton Club was chosen to play on the East All-Star Team. Jaeda won the Most Valuable Player of this tournament and as a result was one of 18 girls who were chosen to travel to the Ukrainian National Soccer Tournament in Horsham, Pennsylvania. This tournament took place on May 23-26.

Stephanie Soares (Grade 5) will be attending the CTY Johns Hopkins summer program this coming summer in the US, at the Chestertown, Maryland Washington College from June 26 to July 18. She is one of a group that will be spending the summer learning different subjects which were picked from a list which the CTY program offers.

Allison Outerbridge (Grade 10) a 1st Honors Athlete has represented Bermuda several times this year:

- Carifta Games (St Kitts and Nevis) March 2008: participated in Long Jump with a personal best jump of 5ft 10 inches and Triple jump placed 4th with a personal best jump of 11.40 meters.
- PennRelay Games at Penn State University April 2008: participated in Triple Jump. She also set another best jump of 11.47 putting her in the finals and she placed 8th in the region.
- Allison has been invited to compete in the New England championships June 14th to the 16th 2008.
- Allison will travel in July to the Blunt Invitational East Coast meet. This is an Annual event for the Bda Pacers athletes. She has placed as high as first in this event

Go with God Submitted by Sister Judith Marie Rollo

The Bermuda-Açores High has nestled around our tiny island...and we know summer is here. No matter how we spend our days, summer always calls us to slow down, to live life in a less harried way. This is the time for vacation. Vacation is defined as a period of suspension of regular work, study or other activity. It is a time of rejuvenation, of re-creation. Unfortunately in today's world, God is left out of the equation. Some seem to take a vacation from their worship of God and parish involvement but there can not and should not be any vacation from God, the God who loves each and every one of us unconditionally...even when we forget about Him.

So, whether you are planning a trip overseas or are going to take time to enjoy the beauty of Bermuda's beaches, blue ocean, and golf courses, do so with God in your heart. If summer means a new project to be started or important decisions to be made, let God guide you.

Our world suffers from a pollution that we do not often hear about and that is noise pollution. The constant barrage of noise whether from Ipods or cell phones, radios or televisions causes stress, stress you may not even recognize. So instead of taking a vacation from God, try one with Him. Find a quiet place to reflect and to pray, to enjoy the peace and the beauty of private space and time off. Go there with God.

Yes, summer is here. May this time be special for you and your loved ones. Whatever you do, make wise choices and be safe. Respect the beauty of the earth, especially our island home, as God's gift to you. Go with God, for God always goes with you.



Artwork by Nathan Burgess Gr. 6

Bazaar News Submitted by Chris Coelho

Preparations for this year's Bazaar scheduled for October 17th and 18th are well underway. The theme is "MSA - Around the World" and is a celebration of the various cultures and countries throughout the globe. This theme was chosen from a significant number provided by the students and was actually submitted by Tevin Darrell - Gr. 10, Kyla Sinclair - Gr. 8, Chelsey Furtado - Gr. 8, Ashley Martins - Gr. 8, Jade Outerbridge - Gr. 8, Danielle Fairfield Gr. 5 and Kip Malpas - Gr. 3. Their names were placed in a hat and Kyla Sinclair was selected as the lucky winner of a \$50 gift certificate. Thanks to all who sent in their suggestions. This year we are attempting to streamline the manpower process and will be asking that parents, guardians and friends to volunteer their time via a web link which will be sent out via email. This will enable us to create a manpower database to better manage our volunteers.

We are in need of managers for the following areas:

- Ice Cream - Manager
- Bingo - Manager
- Kiddyland - Co-Manager
- Refreshments - 2 Co-Managers
- Super Slide - Co-Manager

If you would like to volunteer for any of these stalls, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the following members:

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There will be a new stall this year; "Second Hand Treasures". We would appreciate it if you would clean out your closets for any items you no longer need so that we can offer them at the stall. The next Stall Managers' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16th at 5:30p.m. in the Senior Lunchroom.

Also if any of you have a "green thumb", please start growing plants for the Plant Stall. Finally, we are always looking for more books, videos, CD's and DVD's for our Book Stall. As always the Bazaar could not be the success that it is without your generosity and hard work. Remember, the Bazaar is a perfect example of how the M.S.A. Family comes together in support of a common cause. In the end, we ALL benefit, not only practically, in that the income enables lower school fees, but also the sense of being part of such a great community!



Artwork by Markus DeCouto Gr. 6

Dates to Remember

To start the year off we are developing a motivational anti-bullying program to create an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding between all members of the MSA community. We encourage all parents to attend the meeting on September 4th at 5:30pm. Faculty, staff and students will be participating in their own workshops September 3rd-5th.

MSA will be hosting its 2nd Annual Back to School Party on Friday, September 5th, 2008 from 5:30 to 7:30 on the School Field. All are welcome. Start the year off on a high note and come and celebrate the beginning of a new school year. Refreshments will be provided.

May Day Festival of the Arts

The reviews are in...What better way to report to you that our Festival was a huge success than through the words of our Grade 4 students.

"The May Day Festival was exciting and funny. I thought it was magnificent." - Emily Every
"The festival is important because it showed the talent in M.S.A." - Zoya Burgess
"Everyone had a smile on their face. I liked the way the art display was set up. I was very impressed." - Camrae Butcher
"I myself think the festival was really truly amazing." - Syndey Blee
"My Mom loved it and we had so much fun." - Salina Dill
"I really loved the Romeo and Juliet part because it was so romantic and kind of funny." - Victoria Paulo
"There was also art and it was fantabulous." - Cameron Paul
"I hope we have more." - Josie DeBraga
"The food they had was on the money. My Mom said wow it was amazing" - Joshua Pimentel
"I danced in the festival, and was happy on stage." - Nicole Saraiva
"All I can say is the festival was AWESOME!" - Peter Kiernan
"It really showed that M.S.A. had some talent. I really beg that we do it next year." - Meagan Stecko
"Every time the two words "May Day" came up, I would jump and try and touch the ceiling." - Sinclair Boyles
"I got my picture taken and it's going to be on the M.S.A. website!" - Stefano Ausenda
"Those clowns made people squeal with laughter." - Christopher Amyoony
"I cherished the cool art and it was the funnest festival I've been too." - Matteo Clarke
"My favorite one was the salsa dancing." - Sophia Fortuna
"It was a blast." - Corey Simas
"I also like the art. The eyes in one painting looked like they were looking at you when you walked across." - Luke Pimentel
"I am but a small voice, but it was the coolest thing." - Sabrina Pavao
"It was the most wonderful experience ever." - Kelcie Kneisler
"It was cool the way all the people performed, it was a well done job." - Thomas Martins
"The plays were so good, they should be on TV." - Riley Ricketts
"What I liked about it was how there was a show going on and other things to do if you got tired of sitting down." - Jacob Fairfield
"I was in it, so I was a little scared, but then everyone was clapping for us. I was so proud of myself and my friends." - Lauryn Burgess
"The festival was upbeat and had tons of performances, even little kids had something to do." - Lauren Allen
"The most wonderful thing that was there was the art, because it was so beautiful" - Lyndsey Arorash
"My Nanny said "I want to do a fair like this one day. Then I said "Yyeah I do too." - Brittany Haller
"I played my best. I always like to see people happy, so that's what made me happy." - Michael Rance Cariah
"I thought the festival was cool, my friends said it was very fun." - Mikayla Smith



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