



The Blue & White

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Congratulations to the Class of 2009



The Board of Governors, Faculty and Staff of Mount Saint Agnes Academy congratulates the Class of 2009 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.

Jessica Andrade	Bermuda College	Carolina Arruda	Bermuda College
Caroline Berlo	St. Francis Xavier	Eric Cabral	Mount Allison University
Natasha Camara	Bermuda College	Michelle Cardoso	St. Francis Xavier
Patricia Chisnall	McMaster University	Joshua Dawson	Bermuda College
Alana DeSilva	University of Glasgow	Kristen DeSilva	Bermuda College
Samantha Dixon	Bermuda College	Kyla Evans	Bermuda College
Stephanie Ferraz	Bermuda College	Melanie Garca	Bermuda College
Isaac James	Bermuda College	Michelle Kelly	University of Notre Dame
Chiara Lombardi	Dundee College	Megan Lopes	Acadia University
Melanie Lopes	Wilfrid Laurier University	Michael Madeiros	University of Tampa
Rebecca Martin	St. Francis Xavier	Alex Matcham	Undecided
Christopher Maypa	Dalhousie University	Conor McLaughlin	Flagler College
Courtlynn McDonald	Saint Mary's University	Kyle Monkman	St. Leo University
Wagner Monteiro	Rotary Exchange Student	Michelle Peichoto	University of Manitoba
Cameron Pimentel	Roger Williams University	Jordan Scott-Furtado	Kingston University, UK
Kwan Smith	Palm Beach Community College	Sheridan Smith	Undecided
Jana Stalinski	Rotary Exchange Student	Monica Teixeira	St. Francis Xavier
Tah-daé Tucker	Undecided	Steven Warren	Rocky Mountain College

Congratulations to the 2005+

Alumni Basketball Team



Jordan Commissiong, Captain '07, Shane Dietz, Captain '06, Eric Cabral, '09, Jabar Tuzo-Smith, '06, Joseph Young, '06, Tiago Garcia, '05, Joshua Brine, '06, Shaun Brown, '08, Alex Martin, '08, Matthew Sinclair, '08, Devin McCallum, '08, and Coach - Gregory Martin, '06 are the WINNERS of the night for the men's teams.



Congrats to 2005+ Women's Team: Kristina Amaro, Captain, '08, Tine Tucker, '07, Ashleigh Pacheco, '08, Kashintae Fox, '08 and Melanie Lopes, '09 who are the WINNERS for the ladies!!

The spectator shooting competition winners were Reggie Horseman and his son Blake!!



Turn to page 4 & 5 for more details about the Alumni Weekend.



National Honor Students

Principal's Message

by Sue Moench

We have completed another successful year at MSA. Our students participated in many challenging learning opportunities, our staff continued to provide outstanding teaching and learning experiences, our graduates moved into their future after receiving many accolades on their successes as students, and our parents supported the activities of their children by providing them with an opportunity for a "Catholic" education.

The next years at MSA will see exciting new learning opportunities for our students as we move to adopt the Alberta curriculum. After considerable research and very serious deliberation, the Board of Governors has chosen to adopt this curriculum. We will be moving forward with staged implementation so that our staff and students can make the necessary adjustments to the new experiences and opportunities. The Alberta curriculum is a "world class" curriculum which has been adopted by several countries throughout the world. Students in Alberta have achieved high standards in international testing especially in the areas of math and reading. We are confident that our students will achieve success with this curriculum. Our world is changing and MSA is moving to adjust to the challenging and technological world we live in. Once we have completed full implementation of this curriculum we will receive accreditation through Alberta Education then we will be moving forward to receive accreditation with an internationally recognized educational organization. Great opportunities are ahead for our students as they will be receiving an Alberta High School Diploma which is recognized as a symbol of excellence by post-secondary institutions worldwide. If you wish to read more about this educational experience, please refer to the Alberta Education website: www.education.gov.ab.ca

Thank you for supporting MSA and the efforts of our students, staff, parents and alumni. For those who are leaving MSA to seek other opportunities either locally or abroad, best wishes and may God always guide you in your thoughts, prayers and decisions. We look forward to the beginning of our 120th year of the MSA family starting in September.

God's blessing for a safe and successful summer holiday.



A traditional candlelight induction ceremony marked the twenty-eighth anniversary of the Elizabeth Seton Chapter of the National Honor Society in the MSA Auditorium on Wednesday, May 13th. The installation was conducted with the help of current members: Caroline Berlo, Michelle Cardoso, Patricia Chisnall, Alana DeSilva, Michelle Kelly, Megan Lopes, Monica Teixeira, Matthew Coelho, Christine DeSilva, Chelsea Soares, Elizabeth Sousa, Tiffany Sousa, Chelsea Terceira and Christine Terceira. Seven students were inducted: Eric Cabral, Chiara Lombardi, Jana Stalinski, Allison Outerbridge, Sierra Petty, Akira McDonald and Rebecca Pacheco.

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.

Just Passing Bye...

In April, we were pleasantly visited by two past MSA family members.



Mrs. Irene (Jackson) Morgan was visiting from East Sussex, UK. This was her first time back to the Island after leaving in 1932. She attended MSA from 1929-1932. Mrs. Morgan shared many fond memories of her time here at MSA. Mrs. Morgan would have been part of the Class of 1940.



Ms. Sandra Moody was visiting from Pompano Beach, Florida. Ms. Moody was hired to teach the first Kindergarten class in 1965. Which was the Class of 1978. Ms. Moddy was hired while travelling on the Queen of Bermuda.



If you are interested in getting in touch with Mrs. Morgan or Ms. Moody please contact Lisa Anne Bardgett at 292-4134 or lbardgett@msa.bm.

Tonight marks the culmination of 13 years of sitting on the sidelines, waiting to get into the game called life. You have had a variety of coaches and trainers –these your loving parents, dedicated teachers, the MSA family, your Church family and your friends. If you have done your part, you are well prepared to meet the challenges ahead whether these are waiting for you in higher education or in the world of work. Remember success comes before work only in the dictionary.

I must say I received much advice about this speech: don't make it too long; make it short; make it funny; however, my friend Steven said "To say what I need to say"...I believe that's a song; so I will try to say what needs to be said in a brief way.

Pardon me if I reminisce a bit: It was October 31, 1996, when the majority of you were in kindergarten and very excited about what you would be in the Halloween Parade. It was that morning that I experienced the longest eleven minutes of my life as I was asked to take care of you until a substitute teacher arrived. She walked in and I rushed out. However, a special bond began with you that day and continues to this very day. I did note that in kindergarten everyone wants the teacher's attention but the older you became the more you tried to avoid it. I am thinking that when one walks into a high school classroom the empty seats are in the front as far away from the teacher as possible. The lesson here is to be enthusiastic and passionate about whatever you do just as you were on that Halloween day.

There are so many things I would like to share with you this evening but I will focus on those ideals that you have pledged to uphold, not only tonight but many times during your days at MSA. Namely: Faith, loyalty and truth.

Faith: a virtue centered in belief in God and confidence in His Word but encompassing the universal call to all of us to be faithful to our word, to be people of honor. This is a true story: about thirty years ago a farmer in Kansas had a horse for sale. A man came by and offered a hundred dollars for the horse and said he would bring the money the next day, so please do not sell it to anyone else. The farmer said yes, I give you my word. Several hours later another gentleman came by and offered the farmer \$500 but the farmer said the horse is promised to another. There was no greed in the farmer's heart; he was faithful to his word. The farmer was Mr. Chrysler, the father of Mrs. Chambray who

shared this story with me. One wonders if our world would be in the present financial crisis if more people were faithful to their word, if more people understood that honor should be the guiding force of one's life, not greed. Honor may be defined by integrity or honesty in one's beliefs and actions. The person of honor lives according to what is morally right. Each of us by our very Baptism has been made a son or daughter of God and therefore each of us is called to live that commitment by adhering to a code of life that is best described as being honorable. To be a person of honor means that we value the truth; that we are willing to take a stand even if it is not politically correct.

If we are persons of faith, persons of honor, then we must be persons of service because Faith without good works is dead. Service is being present to a person in need. It is helping people to know how much the Lord loves them. It is letting the Lord draw people to himself through us. Service is sharing the weakness, poverty, inadequacy, failure, sickness, subjection, alienation of your brothers and sisters wherever they may be.

My dear graduates, preserve and live the gift of the faith that you have received. Be persons of honor and of service and your lives will be blessed.

Next Loyalty: What is loyalty? Loyalty is hard to define and in some ways embodies both faith and truth. Its origin arises in the human heart and calls one to be faithful to a person, a group, a cause, a team. Loyalty is standing by someone no matter what. In the school song, you sing "Be loyal to the white and blue"...be loyal to your school. This means love her, support her and when appropriate, criticize her...but you are entering the adult world and loyalty must follow you there. You must be loyal to your family, loyal to Bermuda, and most importantly loyal to God who called you into existence and whose provident care will follow you wherever you go.. President Woodrow Wilson made this interesting statement "Loyalty means nothing unless it has at its heart the absolute principle of self-sacrifice." Self sacrifice requires courage. Courage, another virtue you sing about in the school song, is worth thinking about this evening and one that you will need to sustain you in this uncertain world of ours. What is courage? It is an act of courage whenever

we face those things in our lives that we find frightening or hard. These private moments of bravery never make the headlines, but are nonetheless very valiant. Some of you daily show courage by responding to each new day of responsibility while handling physical or emotional problems or concerns about your families and friends. For others, it could be the courage to stand up for the right thing in spite of peer pressure or societal pressure, to act kindly towards someone you dislike, to work at your studies, to live up to your commitments. These kinds of acts of courage must be part of your future. Courage means finding the spiritual and mental determination to bear discomfort, to endure unjust criticism, to persevere despite danger or difficulty. My dear young people, be loyal, be courageous and our world will be a better place because of your presence in it.

Lastly, Truth: In John's Gospel Jesus tells us that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus told Pontius Pilate that He came to testify to the truth. What is this Truth? Jesus is the truth. He is God's definitive and perfect Word, expressing who God is, what God is like, who we are and who we are called to be. We share in the truth of who Jesus is and what that should mean in terms of how we live our lives. In our world today many do not accept that there is an absolute truth. They believe that right and wrong do not exist because such would limit their personal freedom. Such relativism has no place in the heart of a Christian. In the words of Pope John Paul the second: "Truth and freedom either go together hand in hand or together they perish in misery." So to really experience freedom heart we need to be true to ourselves.

In Shakespeare's Hamlet, Polonius' advice to his son is good advice for all of us: His words: "This above all: to thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not be false to any man." Be true to yourself. You have been given talents, you have interests, you have dreams. Think Big but be true to yourself. Don't follow a path because it is lucrative or because someone else wants you to do so. Be true to yourselves, live that truth in love and both peace and joy will fill your hearts. Measure your success not by the size of your bank account but by the quality of your life; not by the size of your house but by the amount of love in your heart. Yes, my dear Graduates, be true to yourselves and your lives will be enriched and so will our world for your having been in it.

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Alumni Reunions



The Class of '69 Reunites! by Ed Sousa

The graduating class of 1969 held its fortieth anniversary reunion over the weekend of June 12th to 14th. The class which boasts its own website and enjoys the distinction of religiously holding reunions every five years, scheduled their events to coincide with the Tall Ships festivities. Class members from as far away as Arizona and Canada's west coast were in attendance. The group began the weekend with a train ride to their alma mata to partake in the annual MSA Alumni Cocktail Party. Many familiar faces were there and the hour and a half that was spent was very enjoyable. It was then on the train again for a ride back to Albouy's Point where they were greeted by the Town Crier who read a customized proclamation before boarding 'Sun Deck' for a leisurely cruise around the harbour to view the Tall Ships from the water side.

The group was left to their own devices on the Saturday, although they did enter a team (which had a respectable third place finish :-)) in the annual MSA Alumni Golf Tournament.

On Sunday evening, there was a very nice dinner at the Tom Moore's Tavern & Restaurant. The group was entertained in part by solving anagrams relating to MSA and 1960's music and topics. One of the highlights of the weekend was the introduction of a song with specially written lyrics reminisce of their days at Mount Saint Agnes Academy and life's experiences since that time. As is customary, all classmates took home a souvenir - this year it was a piece or hand carved Bermuda cedar. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

The reunion team will soon begin preparations for the forty-fifth year anniversary reunion in 2014. The big question though is will the reunion be held here in Bermuda or back to Las Vegas, or perhaps New York, maybe Toronto, and what about London or even Branson, Missouri!? Decisions, decisions.

Class of 1959 celebrates 50 Years by Steve Kendell

During the week of 7th to 13th June 2009, thirteen (13) out of the original twenty-seven (27) members of the 1959 graduation class of Mount Saint Agnes Academy gathered in The Villages, Florida for a reunion. The week was filled with many activities including a Welcoming Cocktails & Eats Party at the rented home of Steve Kendell; a Bon Voyage BBQ at the permanent home of Wayne Soares; and a host of other non-organized events such as golf, bowling, swimming, dancing, first-run movies, etc. On 11th June 2009, exactly 50 years to the day, the class of 1959 celebrated their graduation with a reunion dinner at the Nancy Lopez Legacy restaurant. Before the start of the meal, the attendees were asked to remember the five (5) classmates who have died and the remaining nine (9) who were unable to attend. Pictured are the attendees - from left to right - Steve Kendell, Wayne Soares, Kay (Godfrey) Harvey, Anne (Exell) Hooton, Brenda (Ferguson) Montgomery, Stanley Marshall, Patricia (Kennedy) McVay, Ingrid (Soares) Simmons, Thomas Olander, Janet (Lewis) Grayston, John Lindo, Patricia (Jones) McClure, and Laura (Allen) Nonemaker.



Class of 1974 celebrates 35 Years by Mi (McCallum) DeSilva

The Class of 1974 had their 35th Reunion this year. We started with the Cocktail Party that the Alumni Committee put on as a warm up. We had Stephen Hayward come all the way from St. Georges. Can you believe it? He just found out that he didn't need his passport to come across the Causeway. WHAT SCHOOL DID HE GO TOO??? After the Cocktail Party, 10 of us went to Elbow's Sea Breeze Terrace and continued the eating, drinking and catching up. On Saturday evening we all went to Johnny & Marjie Robbins house for dinner and dancing. It was so nice to see people walk in and be totally surprised to see old friends they hadn't seen in years. Once dinner was over we danced and danced and danced. Well, some of us did. It was just like the school dances. Some never came off the dance floor and others never got on it unless it was a slow song!! On the Friday afternoon I sent an e-mail to all the classmates that were overseas asking them if they had Skype. Not many did so we'll have to work on that for next year but we did get Michael Sheppard and Barbi Fleming in Vancouver. I didn't think it was fair as our camera worked and his didn't.



I think everyone that came had a great time and hopefully next year we can all attend the Cocktail party and go out after and not wait 5 years for another reunion. Thanks to Johnny and Marjie for allowing us to have our reunion at their house.

Class of 1969 celebrates 60 Years



Photos of the MSA Alumni Cocktail Party and Basketball Challenge can be found on the MSA website: http://www.msa.bm/support_alumni_assocEvents.htm

Graduation Awards

The Nicholl Shield for the highest average for the four years of High School, a medal for General Excellence and a check was awarded to: **Michelle Kelly**

The Most Reverend Bishop Murphy Shield for obtaining the second highest average for the four years of High School, a medal for General Excellence, and a check was awarded to: **Caroline Berlo**

This year would have been the 30th Anniversary of Robert's Graduation. This award was established by Robert's family and classmates and is awarded to a student who shows outstanding integrity, school spirit, cooperation and a willingness to try. The recipient also receives a check towards further education. The 2009 recipient of The Robert Gullon Memorial Shield for Heart was: **Isaac James**

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bermuda Outstanding Student Award: **Caroline Berlo**

PriceWaterhouseCoopers Economics Award: **Michelle Kelly & Chiara Lombardi**

The Reverend Deacon Edward Outerbridge Shield is presented to a student who has been an outstanding witness to christian values. The 2009 recipient was: **Eric Cabral**

The Ernst and Young Award: **Megan Lopes**

The Deloitte Award: **Megan Lopes**

The Bank of Bermuda HSBC Recruit Extraordinary People Program Award: **Eric Cabral & Michelle Kelly**

The Jeffrey Castro Shield is awarded to a graduate who has the highest increase in average, between November and June of his/her senior year. A cheque also accompanies this award: **Alexander Matcham**

The Home and School Association Award for School Spirit, a medal and check was awarded to: **Eric Cabral & Megan Lopes**

For Outstanding Leadership for the four years of high school a medal and certificate was awarded to: **Caroline Berlo**

The Mount Saint Agnes Incentive Award given by the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Governors and is awarded to the graduate with the greatest increase in average between June of Grade 11 and June of Grade 12. This year's recipient was: **Jordan Scott Furtado**

Rollo Sullivan Award is a non-academic award and comes with a cheque given by the MSA Alumni Association: **Caroline Berlo**

The Bentley-Doyle Award for Excellence and Commitment to Sports; a shield and medals go to: **Eric Cabral, Michelle Cardoso & Melanie Lopes**

Sisters of Charity Prizes for outstanding service to their parish churches: **Carolina Arruda, Alana DeSilva, Caroline Berlo, Eric Cabral, Patricia Chisnall, Michelle Kelly, Megan Lopes, Melanie Lopes, Monica Teixeira and Sheridan Smith**

The Gail McCallum Kneisler Angel on Earth Award. The student must have a big heart and be a true friend to people, have great inner strength, make people happy just by their presence and have good grades, but even better effort.: **Rebecca Martin**

The Unsung Hero Shield for outstanding service to Mount Saint Agnes Academy in Audio Visual Technical Support and a certificate was awarded to: **Eric Cabral**

Excellence in RELIGION: **Caroline Berlo, Michelle Kelly, Chiara Lombardi**

Excellence in ENGLISH: **Michelle Kelly, Caroline Berlo**

Excellence in MATHEMATICS: **Caroline Berlo, Michelle Kelly**

Excellence in SCIENCE: **Rebecca Martin, Isaac James, Caroline Berlo**

Excellence in HISTORY: **Alana DeSilva**

Excellence in PSYCHOLOGY: **Caroline Berlo, Michelle Kelly, Monica Teixeira**

Excellence in ECONOMICS: **Michelle Kelly, Chiara Lombardi**

Excellence in FRENCH: **Caroline Berlo**

Excellence in SPANISH: **Jordan Scott-Furtado**

Excellence in BUSINESS STUDIES WITH A FOCUS ON ACCOUNTING: **Eric Cabral, Michelle Cardoso, Melanie Lopes**

Excellence in MUSIC: **Eric Cabral**

Excellence in COMPUTER STUDIES: **Chiara Lombardi**

Excellence in PORTFOLIO ART: **Isaac James, Monica Teixeira**

Certificates of Perfect Attendance for the four years of high school are awarded to: **Eric Cabral, Megan Lopes and Monica Teixeira**

Alumni News by Mi DeSilva

Dear MSA Family,

Well, another school year has come and gone. The Alumni Association has done it again with a great week of activities.

The Cocktail Party on Friday, June 12 was well attended and everyone there really enjoyed themselves despite the rain. A rain squall came through so fast and hard we all dove for cover. It didn't last long and the fun resumed. The Class of '69 arrived by train and it was great to see the School Spirit going strong. Eddie Sousa '69 "Head Boy" helped keep the class moving through the gate so other alumni could get in as well. The Class of '74 had a long lost member of the class come and we all gave him a round of applause as he entered the courtyard. He came all the way from ST. GEORGES!!

We leave the Saturday night free for the individual classes to have their own Reunions and this year I know that there were many.

Sunday Mass was lovely. The 6:00 p.m. mass was very upbeat with the music accompanied by guitars and a keyboard. We had 2 lectors, Murry Smith '74 and Pam Mahoney '79. Tina Arorash '89 and Christy Kneisler '99 did the Offertory and Alan Soares, Ann Marie Davis, Margaret DiGiacomo '73, and I were Eucharistic ministers.

Friday, June 19, 2009 we had the Basketball Challenge. Last year the 80's won and this year, the 2000's won. We had more people at the games than ever before and were happy to see two womens teams. We had a shoot out and Reggie Horseman and his son Blake were the winners. It was great to see the little ones so anxious to play and try to get the most baskets in 30 seconds.

I'd like to say a big "thank you" to the committee members for all their hard work. Without them we wouldn't have the great week of activities and events throughout the year. Thank you.

Looking ahead, we will be having our AGM later in the year and need new members to come on board, so please go to www.msa.bm to find out the exact date and time and join us. Being on the committee is fun but with more people it would lighten the load.

We thank everyone that came out to support us this year and look forward to seeing you again next year.

Have a safe and happy summer.
Mi DeSilva – Class of '74



Graduate Speech continued from page 3

Bear with me for a few more minutes:

My dear Graduates, tonight you join a very special group of people, alumni of Mount Saint Agnes. They are mothers, dads, grandparents, teachers, priests, doctors, nurses, lawyers, CEO's, Accountants, secretaries, architects, artists, and many more too numerous to mention but who daily contribute not only to the good of our Island Community but to many other communities throughout the world. Many changes have occurred since the first commencement exercises in 1890, but that special spirit, the MSA spirit lives on.

You are all called upon to still live the values of faith, loyalty and truth, to be persons of love and integrity. The prophet Micah tells us what God wants from us: to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with our God.

God wants you to use the talents He has given you to succeed and to contribute to the building of a more just society but more importantly, He wants you to have a relationship with Him. For it is truly He whom your hearts seek in spite of what our commercialized world tells you. It is time to leave the sidelines and as you enter the game, know with certainty that God loves you unconditionally and that with Him all things are possible. No matter how far you may stray from Him, he will be waiting with outstretched arms to welcome you back. Make God an active player in your daily lives.

My love and Congratulations to each of you.

Celebrating 100 Years of Consecrated Life

Sisters Dolores and Judith invite you to share their joy by attending a Concelebrated Mass at St. Theresa's Cathedral at 3:00pm on Sunday, October 18th.

The Diocesan Choir will be participating.

*No gifts are wanted or needed
only your presence.*

Live Healthy Challenge

Many of you may know that Mount Saint Agnes students participated in the Live Healthy Bermuda Kids Challenge. This 13 week program kicked off on February 2nd with each student documenting every hour of physical activity performed daily on charts provided in their homeroom. Every class was in competition with one another to see who performed the most hours of physical activity. The challenge ended on May 1st with over 50 students participating in the End to End Walk. The students participated with a total of 27,404 hours. Grade One took the honors for Elementary with 2,450 hours. Grade 8A took the lead in Middle School with 2,262 hours and Grade 9A accumulated 3,045 hours. A raffle prize was awarded to Elementary: Kotai Yamada (1), Middle School: Jaeda Smith (7B), High School: Ryan Sousa (10B) for participating all 13 weeks of the program.

A Piece of History

(Adapted by Sister Judith from the writings of Sister Jean de Chantal Kennedy)

The first commencement exercises having been held on July 19, 1890 resulted in the Sisters being present amidst oppressive heat. The Sisters clad in heavy black woolen habits alternately steamed and chafed with prickly heat. The Church was over two miles away and the Sisters walked through the heat clad in shawls, gloves and crepe bonnets. Although Sir Newdegate, the governor offered them the use of his bathing house on North Shore, by the end of August, one by one the Sisters became sick. Two of the sisters had developed typhoid fever and Mother Cleophas, herself, with a temperature of 105 ° tried to fight the disease on her feet but was immediately ordered to bed with the doctor not giving her much chance of survival. Fortunately for the Sisters the telegraph cable had been installed a few weeks earlier and a message to Mother Bonaventure resulted in the immediate sending of the head of the Halifax Infirmary, Sister Mary Vincent, and Miss Josephine Precourt to tend to the sisters. In the meantime, Mrs. Bradley, a nurse as well as the manager of the new Windsor Hotel, placed others in charge and moved to Woodlands to nurse the four Sisters.

It was time to take registration for the new academic year to begin in mid-September but Sister Mary Blanche had to announce that due to the illness of the Sisters, the school opening would be delayed. Between the administrations of the two efficient nurses, Sister Mary Vincent and Mrs. Bradley, the patients began to make a slow improvement.

It was now October, the time for the re-opening of school. Mrs. White who lived at "Whitehall" in Pembroke offered the top floor of her house for use as a school where Sister Blanche and Miss Precourt moved on October 6th. They were assisted by Miss Lou Precourt. If the Sisters expected that their registration would suffer as a result of the setback, they were to be agreeably surprised. The thirty-six who registered turned up at "Whitehall" and classes started only three weeks after the opening of the other schools.

It is to be noted that the school calendar was quite a flexible thing back in 1890.

All through their trying ordeal the Sisters received many kindnesses from their Bermudian neighbors. Fruits, flowers and tempting dishes of every kind were sent to the invalids. The Sisters of Mount Saint Agnes have never forgotten their thoughtfulness.

News to Share?

Did you recently get married? Have a baby? Get a promotion? that you would like to share with the rest of the MSA family. Email your details to lbardgett@msa.bm for inclusion in the newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jennifer Lindo (Adderly), '90, on the birth of her daughter, Paige in February.

JeCal Bean, '03 who just graduated from Johnson and Wales University, RI with a masters degree in Business-Organizational leadership.



SPORTS

Senior School Badminton *by Dustin Ferris*

This year senior school students had the opportunity to participate in a badminton club on Mondays and Tuesdays afterschool during the months of March and April. Mr. Ferris had a great turn out with over 40 students participating. Students competed in a tournament at MSA to see who would compete at the Badminton Interschool Finals. The following students represented MSA at these championships:

Under 15 girls:

Jessica D'Estrella, Chelsea Harvey,
Heather Sinclair and Amanda Correia;

Under 15 Boys:

Scott Burnard, London Roberts,
Adrian Lashley, & Nick Lopes;

Over 15 Girls:

Chelsea Terceira, Melanie Lopes,
Christine Terceira, & Marissa Pailing;

Over 15 Boys:

Chris Corday & Josh Powell.

All students represented MSA well with an outstanding performance by the Over 15 Girls. The doubles tournament concluded with an all MSA final. Chelsea Terceira and Melanie Lopes finished first and Christine Terceira and Marissa Pailing finished second. Marissa finished second in the singles division as well. Great job everyone.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

5 Sat.	Uniform Shops 10:00am-1:00pm
8 Tues.	School Opens
11 Fri.	School Mass - 10:30am Back to School Party - 5:30-7:00pm
12 Sat.	Uniform Shop 10:00am - 1:00pm
14 Mon.	Elementary (Welcome Back) Assembly - 8:35am
15 Tues.	Middle School (Welcome Back) Assembly - 8:25am
16 Wed.	High School (Welcome Back) Assembly - 8:35am
18 Fri.	Spirit Day for High & Middle School
21 Mon.	Meet the Teacher K-5 - 5:30pm
22 Tues.	Meet the Teacher 6-8 - 5:30pm
23 Wed.	Meet the Teacher 9-12 - 5:30pm
25 Fri.	Ring Mass at 11:00am - 6-12 No afternoon classes for Grade 12
26 Sat.	Uniform Shop 10:00am - 1:00pm

Bazaar 2009 News *by Chris Coelho*

Preparations for this year's Bazaar scheduled for October 16th and 17th are well underway. The theme is "MSA Celebrates 400" which is in keeping with the various community activities during the year celebrating this anniversary. Last year we introduced an on-line sign-up process to manage manpower. This seemed to work well and we will be looking to make improvements to it to make it even better. We are in need of managers for the following areas: Refreshments – 2 Co-Managers and Super Slide – Co-Manager

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

Chris Coelho – Chairman

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Sylvia Coelho – Secretary

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Stall Managers should make a note in their calendars that the first Stall Managers' meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:30p.m. in the Senior Lunchroom. The Bazaar Committee would like to ask that parents/guardians save empty plastic "Kool-Aid" powder drink containers that can be used to mix paint for stall decorating.

Last year we introduced a new stall "Second Hand Treasures" which was a huge success. We would appreciate it if you would again look for any household items that you no longer need so that we can offer them at the stall.

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!

— Coming this Fall —



In the mad rush to get meals on the table, we sometimes forget what a joyous activity cooking can be. MSA is preparing a "special" cookbook of family favorite recipes. This book has been created to make cooking fun and enjoyable for the young and mature chef. We dedicate this book to all of our future *Food Network* stars. These recipes are tried and true so you won't be disappointed.

If you are interested in placing an order for cookbooks please contact Lisa Anne Bardgett at 292-4134 or lbardgett@msa.bm to reserve your copies today! Thank you to all of those who helped provide us with your recipes. Look for the cookbooks in the fall. The cost: \$10.00.

— MSA Reusable Bags —

Mount Saint Agnes is having a fundraiser of ultra-compact reusable shopping bags that easily fit in a pocket or purse. The bag's durability allows users to carry up to 25 pounds in each bag. You will use this bag often and not forget it at home as traditional reusable bags tend to be. The bags are \$6.00 and can be purchased from the school - if you are interested in purchase a bag or bags contact Lisa Anne Bardgett at 292-4134 ext 19 or lbardgett@msa.bm.



MSA Celebrates Bermuda's 400th

To celebrate Bermuda's 400th Anniversary, Mount Saint Agnes students, Grades K-12, took on the challenge of choosing an activity using the number 400 to help educate others about Bermuda's history, while at the same time helping those in need.

Class activities included:

- 400 prayer intentions
- \$400 raised for the Sunshine League
- 400 pictures of Bermuda Past and Present
- Bermuda Projects from Longtails to Moongates to Lighthouses
- 400 Marine Creatures found in Bermuda, making a coral reef display
- 400 Facts about Bermuda
- \$400 raised for the SPCA
- \$400 raised for Kenya, an ongoing project for the students whose target is \$20,000
- 400 pieces of trash picked-up
- Money was raised for the kids at STAR foundation
- Collection of 400 quarters, donated to the SPCA
- 400 Baked goods for Westmeath residents
- 400 Prayers – Linked chain
- Elementary students wrote about Bermuda to create a literary magazine.
- In September, the After School Program will be planting 400 seedlings around the school
- And our annual Bazaar will be themed around the 400th Anniversary and will take place on October 16 & 17.



Mount Saint Agnes Academy is proud to be a part of Bermuda's past and will continue to celebrate this milestone in Bermuda's history.

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