



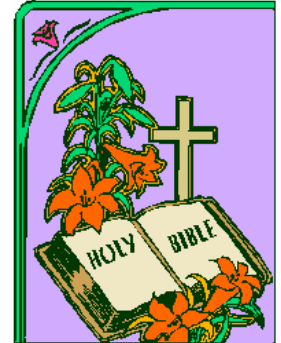
*We wish all our families a very blessed Easter Season.*

## Principal's Newsletter

February / March 2008



### PRAYER CORNER



Please remember these families in your prayers:

- † The repose of the soul of Mr. Ralph Clark, father of Camyrn (KB) and Courtney (5DC).
- † The repose of the soul of Mr. Charles Moss, grandfather of Doug Graham (8K).
- † The repose of the soul of Elizabeth Distler, grandmother Kyle Distler (6L).
- † The repose of the soul of Robert Louis Krauser, father of Marian Dombroski.
- † Healing for Georgina Atorresagasti, aunt of Ben Frey (7GF).

Please pray for all the members of our school and parish community who are ill. May our Gracious God bring them healing, peace and continued good health.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our eighth grade Middle School Players who performed in "Into the Woods Jr." their last play here at St. Mary Magdalen School. We hope you continue performing in high school.



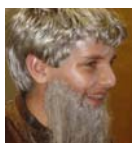
**Kate Andersen (Witch / Choreographer).** This was Kate's third play for SMM but she has acted long before this last year. Kate was Annie in "Annie Jr." in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and Harriet in "Dear Edwina Jr." in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.



**Lisa De Leon (Crew / Sound).** This is Lisa's third play at SMM. In "Dear Edwina" Lisa played Katie Spoonapple. In "Annie Jr." Lisa played Sandy, and in "Into the Woods Jr." Lisa worked the light board.



**Danielle Johnson (Jack's Mother).** "Into the Woods Jr." is Danielle's third play. Danielle has also done "Aladdin" and "Annie Jr."



**Max Scott (Mysterious Man).** Max has been in three different plays, a cast member in "Finding Hershael," John in "Peter Pan" and Drake in "Annie Jr."

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## CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School students who participated in the **Odyssey of the Mind District Competition** Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. All three teams placed: Saving the World with Pie (Grade 6) came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Urania's Inspiration (Grade 7) came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place; and The Timeless Turtle (Grade 7) also came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their problem division. Both seventh grade teams will participate at the State level which will be held at the University of Central Florida in March.

### SAVING THE WORLD WITH PIE

Michelle Brennan  
Sarah Joyce  
Katelyn Gilmore  
Nicholas D'Alessandro  
Lloyd Verdeflor  
Keith Fernandez

### URANIA'S INSPIRATION FOR UNIVERSAL EXPLORATION

Michael Ortiz  
Paulina Pastrana  
Benjamin Manipadam  
J.P. Bremer  
Matthew Markusic  
Emily Logan

### THE TIMELESS TURTLE

Patrick Cobb  
Christopher Platt  
John Yurso  
Nina Henry  
Sean Palmer  
Taylor Scimeca

Congratulations to our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair Winners and Honorable Mentions:

1<sup>st</sup> place – Jayden Beyrooti  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Jack Tangeman  
3<sup>rd</sup> place - Chris Platt

Honorable Mentions:

Erin Dickson, Ryan Brower, Josh Goergen,  
Miranda Zalewski, Patrick Cobb, Sean  
Carey, Tommy Isola, Angie Powers, Michael  
Brennan, Austin Stephen.

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School is very proud to announce that 36 students from **Grades 4 and 5 qualify for Duke University's Talent Search** for the 2007/2008 school year. To qualify these students had to score at the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) standardized achievement test in one of the acceptable composite or subtest areas. This accomplishment allows the students the opportunity to take above-level testing, participate in writing contests and receive information about special programs and learning events. We join with Duke University in recognizing and congratulating these students for using wisely the gifts God has given them.

Kurt Adler  
Adam Bass  
Joseph Bellini  
Gabriella Bendfeldt  
Samantha Berg  
Seth Beyrooti  
Skylar Drefcinski  
Sebastian Eacker  
Kurt Fernandes  
Andre Fernandez  
Grace Friloux  
Justin Froehlich  
Victoria Froehlich

Richard Gammon  
Nicholas Grezeszak  
Sarah Holliday  
Kyle Hortenstine  
Thomas Humphries  
Zachary Jenkins  
Austin Judd  
Jonathan Manipadam  
Giuliana Marchese  
Richard McKenna  
Alexis Monroe  
Jacob Oak  
Adam Perito

Cristian Ruiz-Ashley  
Alexis Sackett  
John David Salazar  
Samantha Saunders  
Marissa Sefick  
Emily Slebodnik  
Gregory Spoto  
Gina Toffoli  
Megan Tonner  
Sabrina Zabalata

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**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest.** St. Mary Magdalen students did great at the Region 3 Free Throw Championships this past Saturday at All Souls. Out of four competitors, three placed in their respective age brackets: Samantha Holt won the Girls age 11 bracket and will be going on to the States at Santa Fe High School in Lakeland, on March 29<sup>th</sup>; Duncan Brennan came in second in the Boys age 13 bracket and will be an alternate for the States; and Christopher Holt came in third in the Boys age 14 bracket. A great big thank you from Council 5618 to the parents who got the students to the competition and to St. Mary Magdalen for the use of the gym.



## TECHNOLOGY

Kindergarten received a visit from the Altamonte Springs Police Department during their computer class. Detective Nuzzi, Lieutenant Stansel and Officer Rackard (our DARE officer) used Smartkids.org web based activities to discuss Internet Safety with the students. Detective Nuzzi came back to St. Mary Magdalen the week of February 25 and discussed internet safety with grades 1 – 3 and plans to return in the next few weeks to speak with grades 4 – 8.



## FUNDRAISING



During Catholic Schools Week our families worked really hard reaching out to the community in their fundraising efforts.

- Proceeds from the Mustang Stampede in the amount of \$671.40 will benefit the American Cancer Society.
- Proceeds from the Powder Puff football game in the amount of \$2,747.00 will benefit the Central Florida Women of the Year – Sisters of Notre Dame; the nuns from Apopka who work with the farm workers.
- The Jump Rope for Heart proceeds in the amount of \$1,853.00 will benefit the American Heart Association.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Have you noticed any of our kindergarten ornithologists wandering around campus with their adventurous leader, Mr. Paul Lloyd?** What is an ornithologist, you say? An ornithologist is a scientist who studies birds. Our kindergarteners have enjoyed the opportunity to take part in the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Great Backyard Bird Count 2008. Mr. Lloyd has been kind enough to instruct the students on the use of binoculars, proper bird watching techniques, using a field guide and journaling their experiences and findings. The students have spotted over 150 birds, two bird's nests and 12 different species. All of their findings have been reported directly to the Great Backyard Bird Count website. The Bird Count is a four-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent. So if you see a group of small children wandering around campus with binoculars and safari hats, make sure to stop them and ask how their bird count is going!

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