

postscript

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Writing Marathon

A report by **Jane Avrich**, English Teacher

When winter blew in, so did the Writing Marathon, and with it piles upon piles of leaves — the kind edged with notebook swizzles and smeared with graphite. Hosted by the English Department, the Writing Marathon is just that: the entire high school writes literally day and night, in class and at home, for one week straight. Is it madness? “There’s that circus atmosphere,” **Carol Miller** says, “but at the same time, it’s a quiet space in the middle of the year for the students to lose themselves in the momentum of writing.”

For over 30 years, the Writing Marathon has been a major event at Saint Ann’s. “It’s an act of the history of the people who have been in the department,” **Ruth Chapman** says, “a tradition that keeps reworking itself.” The Marathon incorporates the assignments of English teachers past and present, which generally range from sedate to bonkers. This year, ever-popular staples remained ever-popular: villanelles, sestinas, “translations” of Czech poems, art appreciation, taste tests, homages to peanut butter. New experiments prompted lively work as well: personal ads by literary characters (Hamlet, Zeus, Medusa); impersonation exercises (Cormac McCarthy and Virginia Woolf spoke of strange matters); six-word stories, part fortune-cookie, part koan (for a model, Ernest Hemingway’s: *For Sale. Baby Shoes. Never worn.*). Afterwards, the grade-wide readings were a delight, as students stood up, tilted the mike, and shared with their peers what they’d produced. A fine Marathon this year, full of good will and great work — funny, moving and truly innovative pieces, things unattempted yet in prose or rhyme.

Writing Marathon over, luminous art remains.



High School Dance Concert
April 15-18, 7:00pm

Please begin making your reservations
by April 7th by calling ext. 708

Spring Gala

TO BENEFIT

SAINT ANN'S SCHOOL

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008

6:00 PM - 9:30 PM

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55 WALL STREET
NEW YORK CITY

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Puppet Parade

Middle and high school students who have created life-sized puppets in **Ronnie Asbell's** puppetry class will parade them on the streets of Brooklyn Heights on Monday, April 28 (Rain Date: April 29). The rest of the school will be there to cheer them on. Please join us for the drums, clowns, music, puppets, and joy at 1:00pm!

**Welcome parents new
to Saint Ann's School!**

The Saint Ann's calendar is
also available on our web site at:
www.saintannsnny.org
by clicking on “Calendar”

April

- 4 • **High School Poets Reading**, Teachers & Writers Collaborative, 520 Eighth Ave. (between 36th & 37th Streets)—6:00pm
• **Spanish Trip** returns
- 8 • **Middle School Dance Concert**, Theater—7:00pm
- 9 • **Middle School Dance Concert**, Theater—7:00pm
- 10 • **High School Voice Recital**, Ettl Lobby—6:00pm
• **Middle School Dance Concert**, Theater—7:00pm
- 11 • **Middle School Dance Concert**, Theater—7:00pm
- 12 • **Saint Ann's Fun Run**, Prospect Park—10:00am
- 15 • **High School Dance Concert**, Theater—7:00pm
- 16 • **High School Dance Concert**, Theater—7:00pm
- 17 • **High School Dance Concert**, Theater—7:00pm
- 18 • **High School Dance Concert**, Theater—7:00pm
- 21 • **Passover**—School Closed
- 23 • **Third Grade Tumbling Show**, 12th Floor, Bosworth Building—6:30pm
• **Jazz Concert**, Ettl Lobby—7:00pm
- 24 • **Wind & Brass Recital**, Ettl Lobby—6:00pm
- 26 • **Shakespeare Workshop Reading**, The Drama Book Shop, 250 West 40th Street—7:00pm
- 27 • **Shakespeare Workshop Reading**, The Drama Book Shop, 250 West 40th Street—2:00pm
- 28 • **Puppet Parade**—1:00pm
• **Spring Gala** to benefit Saint Ann's School
Cipriani Wall Street
55 Wall Street
6:00-9:30pm
- 30 • **Third Grade Violin Recital**, Farber Building—9:30am



The **Fun Run** on Saturday, April 12 in Prospect Park is sponsored by the Recreational Arts Department for students, parents, faculty, past parents and alumni.

Meet by the entrance at 15th Street and Prospect Park West in time for a 10:00am start. Participants will receive T-shirts. All are welcome to post-race refreshments.

New Emergency Communications System

We have contracted with a service that enables us to phone and e-mail all or selected groups of our parents and teachers with a message about last minute program changes (e.g. snow day) and emergencies. Please keep the school informed of any updates to your direct phone numbers or e-mail addresses so that we may be able to contact you. We expect to test the system with an e-mail to all parents before the end of April.