

postscript

a p.s. to the SAINT ANN'S TIMES

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February

- 20 • **7th & 8th Grade Dance**, Ettl Lobby—7:30pm
- 21 • **Memorial Service in Honor of Barbara O'Rourke**, former faculty
Church of St. Ann & the Holy Trinity—3:00pm
Reception following at The Bosworth Building
- 23 • **Lower School Reading Marathon Week Begins**
- **Skating Party**, Wollman Rink, Prospect Park—
6:30-9:00pm, register at
www.netdirectories.com/~sas/oler2.cgi?1005

- 26 • **Penn Model Congress Departs**

March

- 1 • **Penn Model Congress Returns**
- 2 • **First Monday Concert**, Ettl Lobby—6:00pm
- 3-6 • **High School Play**, *Alice in Wonderland*, Theater—7:00pm
- 9 • **Lower School Grandparents Morning**—9:00am
- 10 • **First Week of Second Courses**
A Program for Adults by Saint Ann's School Faculty
8 sessions: 7:30 - 9pm
Tuition: \$250 per course
Location: Saint Ann's School
To register or for more information,
please call Anna Ziegler at (718) 522-1660, ext. 208
Online registration is available at
<http://www.netdirectories.com/~sas/oler2.cgi?1006>
- 11 • **6th Grade Parents Dessert Party**, Dining Room—7:30pm
- 12 • **High School Student Directed Plays**, Ettl Lobby—7:00pm
- 16 • **9th & 10th Grade Play Readings**, Ettl Lobby—7:30pm
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- 19 • **Jazz Improv & Poetry Night**, Farber Building—7:00pm
- 20 • **Crime and Punishment Reading Marathon**, Brooklyn Historical Society—4:00pm
- 24-27 • **Middle School Dance Concert**, Theater—7:00pm
Parents of 4th - 8th grade performers and crew will receive information letters after the Midwinter Vacation.

The Theater Department presents

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

a high school production
based on *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and
Through the Looking Glass
by Lewis Carroll

adapted by Eva Le Gallienne and Florida Friebus

Directed by Laura Barnett

Performance dates: **March 3, 4, 5, and 6 at 7:00pm**
in the Theater

Reservations can be made starting on **Thursday, February 19** both through the reservation line (x.708) and reservations@saintannsny.org. Please leave a brief message or e-mail stating your name, your child's name (if applicable), your phone numbers (work and home), the date you wish to attend the performance, and the number of tickets you want to reserve for each date. Your reservations will be taken in the order in which they are received. You will be contacted only in the event that there is a question or problem with your reservation request. Please be certain to phone or e-mail us at any point with changes or cancellations. Reserved tickets will be available on the evenings of performances beginning at 6:00pm in the Ettl Lobby. When there is a conflicting event in the Lobby, the Undercroft will be used.

THIRD ANNUAL 24-HOUR READING MARATHON by Ted Mason, Chair, Classics and Asian Languages

On Friday, March 20 at 4 pm, students and faculty will convene at the Brooklyn Historical Society for our 3rd annual 24-hour Reading Marathon. This year we will immerse ourselves in Dostoyevsky's philosophical murder mystery *Crime and Punishment*. Anchored by a dedicated group of faculty and students, including **Sam Aronson's** Russian Literature elective, we will chart our way through Dostoyevsky's psychological tale of transgression and redemption. All members of the Saint Ann's community are welcome to come and listen, read, and join our collective experience of this great novel.

First Monday Concert

The First Monday concert on March 2 will feature vocal music with faculty members **Peter Clark and Emily Serotta**

Please join us for an evening of inspiring music at 6:00pm in the Ettl Lobby. Audiences of all ages are welcome. The concert will last approximately one hour.

CURRICULUM FEATURE:

THRIVING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

by **Diane Gnagnarelli, Coordinator**

When people ask me to describe the thriving community service program at Saint Ann's, the first aspect that I emphasize is that it is completely voluntary — no requirement, no minimum number of hours. We believe that each student has a set of individual priorities. We trust students will decide when they have time or energy to volunteer. If a student has a particular expertise or is interested in learning about a specific type of organization, volunteering can be wonderfully illuminating. Announcements are made during high school or middle school assemblies about current or upcoming opportunities. A student can also drop by or set up an appointment to discuss what his/her interests might be. There is no obligation.

Next, our idea of service is that it is doing service, not raising funds. With the current economic downturn, the need on the part of many non-profit agencies for assistance and supplies is escalating. Current placements include:

- Legal Outreach (tutoring high school students)
- PS 8 elementary school (assisting teachers)
- The Family Justice Center at the Brooklyn DA's Office (volunteering)
- Warren Street Center (setting up a library, working with young children)
- Infinite Family Gala (African Dance performance)
- Jubilee Senior Center (singers, instrumental performers)
- Adaptive Design (creating sets of blocks for preschools)
- Brooklyn Historical Society (clerical work, possibly helping with school groups)

- Spence-Chapin Services to families and children (gift wrapping, helping at Heritage Celebrations)
- Brooklyn Autism Center (general assistant)
- Housing Works Thrift Shop (organizing donations)
- Brooklyn Heights Synagogue (making snack bags and preparing meals at the shelter)
- Helen Keller School (helping in the office or in classrooms)
- Heights and Hill Community Center (meals on wheels)
- Heifer International (staff the table at the Farmer's Market)
- Help to "green" our building
- Environmental awareness campaigns
- Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy (clean up, weed, plant)
- E-penpals with Girls Community Group in Ghana (currently being set up by a Saint Ann's alum)
- JCC residential home (creating a quilt for clients)
- Lighthouse for the Blind POSH Sale (help prep, run, break down the vintage/designer clothing sale; possible weekly intern position available for this.)

Annual drives include:

- Thanksgiving (and ongoing) Food Drive in collaboration with First Presbyterian Church food pantry
- Adult business attire for the HOPE Program (spring drive)
- Project Cicero: we will be collecting books for under-resourced NYC schools March 2-5
- Columbia University Head Start Toy Drive (December)
- Gently used test prep books (SAT, AP, etc.) for Legal Outreach

I am always open to suggestions. E-mail me at dgnagnarelli@saintannsny.org or call me at 718-522-1660 x206



Thanks to the enormous generosity of Saint Ann's staff, children and parents, gifts brought smiles to the faces of 86 children and their parents in the Columbia University Early Head Start in December. Annie Hartenstein, a Saint Ann's parent, is the Education Coordinator at the Hamilton Heights site. The program, founded and directed by Saint Ann's alumni parent Dr. Carmen Rodriguez, is part of the Mailman School of Public Health. It serves over 300 families including pregnant women and children between newborn and age 5 in the Washington Heights, Hamilton Heights and Inwood communities in Manhattan.