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FROM THE

Headmistress

We hope you enjoy our newly created *Horizons* newspaper. Our Director of Public Relations, Marilyn Myers, has developed a new method for information sharing at Sacred Heart. Weekly *Au Courants* will continue to keep parents current about the future week's events. The monthly newsletter to parents and the twice yearly *Horizons* magazine will be replaced by this *Horizon* newspaper which will be mailed to the entire Sacred Heart family—all 3,600 of you—six times a year. This less expensive and more creative approach will inform you about important aspects of our students, staff, parents, alumnae, and friends. Please let us know if you enjoy it. Send us e-mail at: sacred.heart@cshgreenwich.org. We'll incorporate your news as best we can in these *Horizons*.

Our fall has been filled with the Network of Sacred Heart Schools' evaluation, and the construction of our new science building, expanded cafeteria, and new roadway system. Gratitude galore for the creativity and patience of all those using our temporary roads and parking. This building will truly put Sacred Heart in the forefront of science education in the United States. We thank all those who have given or who are considering a gift to this important part of our 150th celebration as a school.

The fall also has seen national distinction given our seniors—three of whom are National Merit Semifinalists. In addition to five Commended Scholars, this represents almost one-third of our seniors. Sports results are equally outstanding. For Details, turn to page 4.

Sadly, this fall has also required a strengthening of our faith as we laid to rest Katie Cassidy Higgins '96 who was killed by a motorcycle on the campus at St. Lawrence University. Also, Dorothy Scates, our Upper School secretary, is recuperating from a heart attack and serious complications related to it. Our prayers and shared faith have enabled us to remain strong.

We hope to see many of you at the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday events. Again, enjoy our new *Horizons*. May God give us all the vision to truly create new horizons of learning, loving, and serving.

Joan Magnetti, rscj

Construction as an academic adventure

The Lower School is having a field day turning our construction project into a learning experience. Recently Sarah Boll and a friend interviewed a contractor at a building site as part of the Lower School mini-mester on "Building Adventures."



The second graders have been on archaeological expeditions in the pile of dirt south of the new parking lot. During their dinosaur study, each class excavated buried "dinosaur bones" (left) and collected them (above) for further study and assembling in the classroom. Kay Nardone's class located a 6-foot Tyrannosaurus Rex and Julie Hasselmann's class found a Brontosaurus.



Sesquicentennial Plans

Sister Ann Conroy, Valerie Moore O'Keefe '61, and Sesquicentennial Committee members believe in planning ahead, and they'd like you to do the same. So please mark your calendars for September 18-20, 1998. September 19 will be the dedication of the Science Center and 150th Anniversary Liturgy. Other events include a convocation celebrating women of courage and a bus tour of New York to remind us of our school's beginnings.

LOOKING AHEAD

November 6

Middle School Father-Daughter Dinner Dance, 7 p.m.

This elegant annual dinner dance gives dads and daughters a beautiful reason to dress up and practice some fancy footwork.

November 7

First Friday at Sacred Heart

Sister M.C. McKay, rscj, who spent eight years in Nicaragua and is currently working with Hispanics in Harlem, will speak on the spirituality of St. Philippine Duchesne, the French-born missionary who in 1818, at age 49, brought the Society of the Sacred Heart to the United States.

November 8

Admission Open House, 1 to 3 p.m.

This is an opportunity for prospective students and their families to meet with our faculty, students, parents, and alumnae. Tours of campus, panel presentations, and conversation and refreshments make this a great chance to visit Sacred Heart.

November 13

Upper School Father-Daughter Dinner Dance, 7 p.m.

Everyone dresses up, but Sacred Heart tradition gives senior fathers the option to wear black tie. A decorated auditorium, sit-down dinner buffet, photographer, and DJ all contribute to this special evening.

November 18

Celebration of Feast of St. Philippine Duchesne.

"What have we learned from St. Philippine?" A priest author responds: "the value of a steadfast purpose, the success of failure and the unimportance of our standards of success; the power of grace released by deep, divine desires, and simple duty daily done..."

November 20

Parents' Association Fashion Show & Luncheon.

Linda McDonald and Trish

Shannon (right) are coordinating this popular Parents' Association social event with Saks Fifth Avenue, Greenwich, and the Rye Town Hilton—where the luncheon and show will take place



this year. Professional models from Saks and Sacred Heart girls will walk the runway in holiday fashions sure to be an inspiration for dressing in the months ahead. Each guest will receive Tommy Hilfiger favors. Tickets are \$55. Please call Martha Crowley at 203-869-7206 for information.

November 21

Grandparents' Day in the Lower School, 9:30 a.m.

This is the day grandparents talk about. Come visit your granddaughter and see all the amazing things she's learned so far this year. You'll be proud as a peacock.