



Convent of the Sacred Heart  
*Greenwich, Connecticut*

Annual Report 1997-1998





ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Members of the Class of 1998 received offers of admission from:

American University  
 Amherst College  
 Babson College (2)  
 Barnard College (2)  
 Bentley College  
 Boston College (6)  
 Boston University (3)  
 Brown University (2)  
 Catholic University  
 Colgate University  
 College of the Holy Cross  
 Columbia University  
 Connecticut College  
 Cornell University (2)  
 Dartmouth College  
 Denison University (2)  
 Drew University (2)  
 Drexel University  
 Duke University

Emerson College  
 Fairfield University (4)  
 Fordham University  
 Franklin & Marshall College  
 George Washington University  
 Georgetown University (3)  
 Gettysburg College  
 Hamilton College  
 Hobart & William Smith Colleges  
 Hofstra University  
 James Madison University  
 Lehigh University  
 Johns Hopkins University (2)  
 Lafayette College  
 Lehigh University  
 Loyola College, MD  
 Manhattanville College (2)  
 Marymount University, VA  
 Mary Washington College

Millersville University, PA  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 Mount Holyoke College  
 Mt. St. Mary's College, MD  
 New York University (4)  
 Princeton University (4)  
 Providence College  
 Randolph Macon College  
 Rider University  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 Santa Clara University  
 Sarah Lawrence College  
 St. Mary's College, IN  
 St. Michael's College, VT  
 Skidmore College  
 Smith College  
 SUNY/Albany  
 SUNY/FIT  
 SUNY/Oneonta

SUNY/Purchase (2)  
 Trinity College, CT  
 Tufts University (3)  
 Tulane University (2)  
 University of Colorado/Boulder  
 University of Connecticut (2)  
 University of Delaware  
 University of New Hampshire  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 University of Virginia (2)  
 University of Vermont (3)  
 Vanderbilt University (2)  
 Villanova University (4)  
 Wellesley College  
 William & Mary College  
 Yale University (2)



◀ *It's fun to learn how holidays are celebrated in other countries.*

▼ *Students sneaked a peek at the faculty's new laptops.*



▼ *Art takes many shapes and forms.*



▼ *Both faculty and students enjoy a light moment at College 101.*



◀ *Lower School "contractors" apply for permits from Dr. Van Hoven to build Star Dazzling City.*



▲ *The environment was the focus on Earth Day.*





ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

...and the 26 graduates from the Class of 1998 are now attending:

- Boston College
- Colgate University
- Connecticut College
- Duke University
- Emerson College
- Fairfield University (2)
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Lafayette College
- Marymount University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Mount Holyoke College
- New York University (2)
- Princeton University (3)
- Randolph-Macon College
- Smith College
- University of Virginia
- Vanderbilt University
- Villanova University (3)
- Yale University



▲ The Class of 1998 is ready to take the next step.

A Pippi Longstocking look-alike makes an appearance.



▲ Science displays cover many subjects.

Merit Scholars Named

At the end of the academic year, Convent of the Sacred Heart was proud to announce that Krissie Darr and Kate Lavin had been named National Merit Scholars. Both girls are now attending Princeton University. Krissie, Kate, and Irene Gutierrez shared the honor of being named National Merit Scholarship Finalists, and earlier in the year the three of them, along with Margaret Brennan, Cassandra Lyons, Regan Lyons, Nicole Palmer, and Teresa Principe, were named Commended Scholars.



Sr. Joan Magnetti celebrates the good news with Kate, Irene, and Krissie.



▲ Learning is even better when it's shared.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE / OUTREACH

At Halloween, fourth graders decorated and delivered pumpkins to Blythedale Children's Hospital, and all three schools provided food for Thanksgiving dinner to be distributed to the needy.

The sixth grade made weekly visits to Greenwich Laurelton Nursing and Convalescent Home to have lunch and chat with residents. The Upper School prepared and served dinner once a month at St. Luke's Women's Residence in Stamford.

At Christmas, the Lower School joined Operation Christmas Child to send boxes of gifts to children in other parts of the world, and the Middle School held a successful Christmas boutique which raised \$1,000 to benefit the Little Sisters of the Assumption and Our Little Brothers and Sisters in Haiti. Upper School students hosted a Christmas party for children from Carver Center.

Grades one through four raised \$4,000 for the American Heart Association with "Jump Rope for Heart." "Talent for Tots," a first-time event organized by the Community Service Club, raised \$1,750 for the Little Sisters of the Assumption in the Bronx.

Over spring break, thirteen Sacred Heart students and faculty members carried out service projects in Bridgeport as participants in the Urban Plunge program. The group included Ellen Arsenaault, Marisa Baldaccini, Sara Bayer, Jess Corneille, Jenai Domingo, Irene Gutierrez, Sarah Haase, Moira Incorvaia, Katie Mignone, Beth Moore, Leslie O'Connor, Tiffany Varbaro, and Elina Zimmerman.

For five weeks during the summer, 80 boys and girls in grades three through six who live in low-income neighborhoods come to Sacred Heart to attend Summer Academy. This program strengthens their academic skills and provides cultural enrichment experiences in art, music, and drama. Sacred Heart students who



▲ The Lower School brings Valentine's Day cheer to a local nursing home.



▲ Handcrafted items help raise funds at the Middle School Christmas boutique.



▲ Sr. Rosemary Sheehan, Director of Outreach, keeps in touch.

volunteered their time to help were Charelle Anderson, Noel Ausserlechner, Lorenza Avila, Marisa Baldaccini, Kate Carroll, Jacqueline Finley, Courtney Kemper, Meg Lavin, Karen Leon, Karen Lorelli, and Katie Molloy.

Caitlin Fay, Kate Lavin, Regan Lyon, Roxana Maffei, and Nae Schietroma, along with group leader Siobhan Hammer '92, went to Lourdes to work with elderly patients from England, caring for them in the hospital and escorting them to the Grotto and to other religious sites.

Seven girls were accepted into the Sacred Heart Summer Network Service Program. Chiara Gilmartin worked in New York City, Courtney Kemper and Marisa Baldaccini went to San Francisco, Sarah Haase and Lauren Nemnom were at the St. Madeleine Sophie Center in San Diego, and Irene Gutierrez and Justine Oller helped at a children's shelter in Seattle.



◀ Firm friendships come out of the Summer Academy experience.



▶ Upper School students share the spirit of Christmas with Carver Center children.



ADMISSION / ATHLETICS SCOREBOARD



▲ Incoming 9th graders get acquainted at the Spring barbecue.

The 1997-98 school year began with 511 students, the largest number ever. Thirteen percent of the student body were children of color; 5.7 percent were international students. Seventy-five need-based scholarships were awarded, and 14.6 percent of the student body received financial aid.

Applications for the 1998-99 year increased by 33 percent. We will welcome 134 new students to Sacred Heart in the fall of 1998, and our total enrollment will be 551. Classes will be full in almost all grades, and there are more than 75 students on our waiting lists.



◀ Watch out—here comes the Sacred Heart field hockey team.



▲ Sack races are part of Field Day.

The varsity swimming team won the Westchester Girls' Athletic Association championship, and varsity tennis finished first in the WGAA league.

Both the Middle School Red field hockey team and the Middle School Red lacrosse team celebrated undefeated seasons. Varsity cross country, in their first season, finished in second place, with only one loss.

Varsity field hockey placed second in the Fairchester Athletic Association league, and the varsity lacrosse team took runner-up position in the FAA tournament.

The Middle School has begun a squash program, and the Upper School will do the same in the fall of '98.



▲ Sr. Magnetti leads the cheers for the winning swim team.



NCOG REPORT

Once every five years, each school in the Sacred Heart Network goes through an evaluation to determine how well it carries out the Network's five Goals and Criteria.

These goals are to educate each student to the following: a personal and active faith in God; a deep respect for intellectual values; a social awareness that impels to action; the building of community as a Christian value; and personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom.

This year we completed our cross-constituency reflection and self-evaluation, and peers from sister schools reviewed our report. Sacred Heart

Greenwich received an outstanding report, and was commended by the Network for our academic strengths; bright, sensitive, faith-filled students; committed faculty and administration; and strong sense of community.

The 11-person NCOG Steering Committee represented our entire Sacred Heart family, including the Board, alumnae, faculty, staff, parents, and students: **Mary Ann Capiello** (Chair), **Julie Grace Burke '87**, **Kathryn Cooley**, **Lenore deCsepel**, **Patricia Greenberg**, **Mary Kemper**, **Roxana Maffei '99**, **Joan Magnetti, rscj**, **Mary Musolino**, **Robert Shafer**, and **Colleen Van Hoven**.



▶ *Ash Wednesday is observed at an all-school service.*



◀ *The Lower School rejoices in song.*



▲ *Julie Grace Burke '87 takes part in the NCOG evaluation.*



## FACULTY AWARDS and ACTIVITIES

Mary Cary Ambler presented "Identifying the Unidentified Learning Disabled Child" at the 1997 New England Teachers' Conference.

Sr. Ann Conroy was a presenter at the Network Eastern Institute on the spirituality of Sacred Heart education.

Leslie O'Connor and Paulette Bogan attended the National Coalition of Girls' Schools conference in Palo Alto. Paulette also attended the Cincinnati Country Day School's Laptop Seminar.

Frank Doyle attended an AP Statistics Workshop this summer.

Elisa Brueningsen's third math manual was published. Intended for middle schools, the manual utilizes new technology for collecting motion data, which is then analyzed on the graphing calculator.

Beth Skudder participated in a New England Association of Secondary Schools evaluation.

Gail Casey, Kathy Dunn, Janet Halley, Nick Paschenko, Mimi Rafferty, Annette Saraceni, and Beth Skudder attended the National Educational Computing Conference in Seattle.

Bell Choir Director Eileen Laurence won the composition contest sponsored by the Handbell Ringers of Japan for the Eighth International Handbell Symposium in Japan.



▲ Mimi Rafferty, Mary Musolino and Gail Casey take a break to share some Christmas cheer.

Rita McBride completes her final year as Upper School Head.



Julie Hasselmann, who teaches second grade, is also the popular director of Summer Academy.



▲ Keely Mitchell's class prepares to file in for Prize Day.

As President of the Assistant Heads' Association, Rita McBride chaired a conference titled "Reframing Diversity: Beyond Numbers and Good Intentions."

During classes at the Limon Institute, Claudia Stoltman concentrated on the methodology of teaching the Limon technique of classic modern dance.

Walter (Mac) Rand received a grant from the Greenwich Education Foundation to purchase supplies and equipment for an on-campus nature classroom.

Mary Musolino attended a summer program at RPI focusing on Instructional Technology and was also chosen as the first participant in the Vivian Pomex Sabbatical Program.

Kathryn Cooley attended the 71st AATF National Convention in Montreal, and plans to bring to her French classes this year the awareness of 6,000+ internet sites in the francophone world.

Sr. Joan Magnetti was reelected a trustee of the Network of Sacred Heart Schools and elected to the Country Day School Headmasters' Association.



## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

Sacred Heart expresses great appreciation to **Joanne Masiello** and **Mary Bopp**, Co-Presidents of the Parents' Association for 1997-98. Under their competent leadership, our parents accomplished wonderful things for the school and contributed in many ways, giving of their time, talent, and resources. Thank you all.

This year's successful Book Fair, run by **Gayle Cameron** and **Lisa O'Connor**, benefited the Upper and Middle School libraries.

In **Mary Ann Geary's** capable hands, the Book Store ran smoothly all year. The Christmas Gift Wrap sale was expertly run by **Adair Stevenson**, and the Fashion Show was a smashing success under the guidance of Co-Chairs **Linda McDonald** and **Trish Shannon**.

Thanks to **Valerie Doyle** and **Marina Perna** for arranging the outstanding Christmas party, to **Huguette Banker** and **Carol Angiolillo** for the lovely Parents' Reception in the fall, and to **Karen Hart** and **Patricia Jermain** for the elegant end-of-year luncheon for faculty and staff.

Outreach was well organized by **Claudia Liebre**, and **Maria Kessel's** leadership and enthusiasm drew many volunteers for the new Heart to Heart program.

How can we ever forget "Let the Good Times Roll," Auction '98. This spectacular evening, under the inspired direction of Co-Chairs **Lauren Chernin** and **Lisa Gentil**, was full of fun and festivity, and raised a record-setting \$539,889 for Sacred Heart.

Through its remarkable efforts, at year's end the Parents' Association was able to make the following gifts: \$5,000 to Outreach, \$9,800 for the libraries, and \$30,000 as its year-end gift, which will provide VCR's and televisions for the classrooms in the new science building.



▲ *Linda McDonald and Trish Shannon are Co-Chairs of the Fashion Show.*



▲ *Auction Co-Chair Lisa Gentil takes to the dance floor with her husband, Fernando.*



▲ *Gayle Cameron and Lisa O'Connor organize the Book Fair.*



▲ *Young volunteers make sure the Auction '98 invitations go out on time.*



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES and EVENTS



◀ "Little Miss Dynamite" Brenda Lee enjoys being the guest of honor at Auction '98.



▲ Students lining up for an author's autograph at the Book Fair.



◀ The Parents' Association Board convenes for a meeting.



◀ Auction Co-Chair Lauren Chernin and her daughter Hilary greet a guest.

Parents' Association Officers 1997-98

Co-Presidents	Joanne Masiello and Mary Bopp
Vice President	Cel Verhaegen
Treasurer	Karen Hakim
Events Treasurer	Lisa O'Connor
Recording Secretary	Gayle Guadagno Cameron
Corresponding Secretary	Francesca Flanagan