

## Concepts & Thought

### In-Service Training Proves Fruitful in Westfield District

WESTFIELD - While schools were closed and students were at home, Westfield Public School teachers engaged in their first In-Service Training of the school year on October 8, Columbus Day.

Elementary teachers attended workshops on the Everyday Math curriculum, which is the new mathematics curriculum implemented in the district. In addition, teachers

were trained by experienced instructors from Westfield and other districts.

"Creating a Nurturing, Inclusive and Safe School Community" was the topic at Westfield High School, while guidance counselors attended a session focusing on students with severe disabilities. Intermediate teachers were involved in a workshop on differentiated instruction.



TEACHERS LEARN TOO...Working on projects together at one of the In-Service Training sessions was, left to right, Roosevelt Intermediate School Mathematics Instructor Ginny Kurek, Special Education teachers Staci Beegle and Nancy Hatfield, Edison Intermediate School Math teacher Liz Syers, Roosevelt School Special Education Teacher Dominick Ceccio, and Roosevelt Principal Ken Shulack.

### Fundraiser Luncheon to Aid Scholarship Committee Fund

WESTFIELD - Members of the Scholarship Luncheon Committee of the Woman's Club of Westfield finalized plans at a meeting on October 8 for the fundraiser luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, October 17, at the Plainfield Country Club.

The proceeds from the event will contribute toward the scholarships awarded to deserving Westfield High School seniors.

Entertainment, table prizes, and Chinese auction baskets will add to the festivities. Chairperson of the

Scholarship Luncheon is Dr. Anita Smith.

Westfield High School seniors interested in applying for a Woman's Club of Westfield scholarship should contact their guidance counselors.

Last year, the club awarded six scholarships totaling \$24,000. The organization has been granting scholarships annually since 1949.

The Woman's Club of Westfield is a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs. Persons desiring more information about the club may call (908) 928-9558.



PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY...Dr. Anita Smith, Chairperson of the Scholarship Luncheon Committee, and members of the committee Nita McHugh, Anne Galante and Marjorie Wieseman gather to finalize plans for the group's fundraiser luncheon.

### Scholastic Olympics Winners Announced by Holy Trinity

WESTFIELD - Dorothy Szot, Principal of Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield, has reported that the Eighth Grade Scholastic Olympic Team 2001 has captured the trophy for this year.

Students from each school compete in various academic areas.

The Holy Trinity competitors and winners include:

**Art:** Erin Crawford and Gregory Solimao

**English:** Margot Hanson (first), James Livolsi (second)

**Mathematics:** Jo Ann Mathew (first), Michael Serzan (first)

**History:** Lisa Rauch (second), Patrick Muldoon (second)

**Science:** Andrew Bonner and Brendan Smith

**Religion:** Sara Fennik and Patrick Duffy (third)

**Spelling:** Jennifer Mulman (second) and Grant Moryan

**Current Events:** Mark Delmonaco (third)

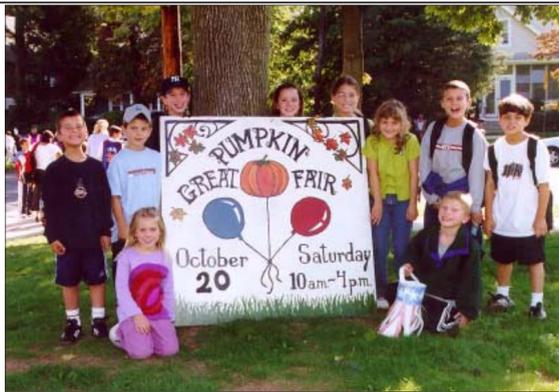
**Forensics:** Mary Kate Sumanski (third)

The Holy Trinity student winners were awarded individual plaques for their achievements. The school was awarded the Scholastic Olympic Trophy for having won first place as a team accomplishment.

### Cooke Attends Syracuse International Program

WESTFIELD - Maureen Cooke, a Westfield resident, spent her summer studying overseas through Syracuse University's Division of International Programs Abroad.

A sophomore majoring in psychology at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y., Maureen participated in the Human Sexuality program, which was held in London.



GREAT GOURDS, BIGGEST FUNDRAISER...Franklin Elementary School's Great Pumpkin Fair will take place at Roosevelt Intermediate School on Saturday, October 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Games, arts and crafts, a haunted house, ticket auction, scarecrow making, food court, bake sale, and other activities are planned for the annual day of festivities. Tickets will be available day of fair.

### Dinner Dance Proceeds To Benefit Sept. 11 Fund

SCOTCH PLAINS - A dinner dance designed to raise funds to replace the playground equipment at Evergreen Elementary School in Scotch Plains will now also benefit The September 11th Fund, a victim relief effort of the United Way and the New York Community Trust.

"The Evergreen community has always prided itself on its strong sense of unity and spirit," explained Playground Fundraising Committee chairperson Kate O'Connell. "We feel that this is the perfect opportunity to show that spirit by sharing the proceeds of our dinner dance to help those affected by the events of September 11."

Scheduled for Saturday, October 27,

at the Italian American Club in Scotch Plains, the event will include a jazz ensemble, featuring members of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's Moonglowers, a buffet dinner, dancing to a DJ, and raffles for a wide variety of goods and services donated by local businesses and community members.

Admission to the dinner dance is \$30. Tickets are available through the Evergreen School Parent Teacher Association or by calling (908) 889-6224.

Merchants who would like to be part of the fundraising effort by donating goods and services may also call Ms. O'Connell at (908) 889-6224. All contributors will be acknowledged in the evening's program.

### Mount Saint Mary Academy Sets Open House October 21

WATCHUNG - Plans are underway for the annual Open House to be held on Sunday, October 21, at 1:30 p.m. on the campus of Mount Saint Mary Academy, 1645 Route 22 at Terrill Road in Watchung.

Prospective students and their families are invited to attend the program, take tours of the school and visit with students and faculty members.

The afternoon activities will commence with a presentation in Mercy Hall at 1:30 p.m. and the campus will be open for visitation until 4:30 p.m.

The Academy is a sponsored work of the Sisters of Mercy of the New Jersey Regional Community. Mount Saint Mary is a private, Catholic college-preparatory school for grades 9-12.

The Entrance Test for admission to the Academy for the September 2002 academic year is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, at 8:30 a.m.

Applications will be available at the Open House or can be obtained by calling the Director of Admissions, Donna Toryak, at (908) 757-0108, Extension No. 4506.

### Wardlaw-Hartridge Organizes Annual Fall Fair on Oct. 20

EDISON - Games, shopping and food will be coordinated to amuse children and adults alike at the annual Wardlaw-Hartridge School Fall Fair this Saturday, October 20.

The fair, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will take place at the school, located at 1295 Inman Avenue in Edison.

Children will participate in activities such as the "Bounce and Slide," "Team Challenge," "Trackless Train," "Ring Toss," "Fat Cats" and "Crazy Cans," while parents can do some early holiday shopping at the boutique.

More than a dozen vendors will sell their wares, which include jewelry, paintings, handmade greeting cards, toys, giftware, ties, unique picture frames and baskets.

Seven elaborate theme baskets will be raffled off. Themes are "College Bound," "Summer Fun," "Getaway," "Gourmet Kitchen," "Home Entertainment," "Teen Time," "Fun for Girls Gardener's Retreat" and "Self-Indulgence."

Café D'Italia will serve classic Italian fare, while outdoor lunch patrons can feast on hot dogs, hamburgers and sausage sandwiches.

The fair is open to the public. Admission is free.

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School is a non-profit, co-educational independent school for grades Pre-K to 12. The school serves more than 30 communities including Westfield, Scotch Plains, Plainfield, Edison, South Plainfield, and Clark, to name a few. The school welcomes students of all races, religions, and national backgrounds.

For more information, please call The Wardlaw-Hartridge School at (908) 754-1882.

### Julie Elmuccio Studies Abroad in Australia

WESTFIELD - Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. has reported that Westfield resident Julie Elmuccio is studying abroad in Queensland, Australia, for the fall semester.

A junior at Hamilton, Julie is a psychology major and graduate of Westfield High School.

The academic semester at the University of Queensland is made possible by collaboration with Arcadia University's Center for Education Abroad, and is open to sophomores and juniors who wish to pursue extensive studies abroad.

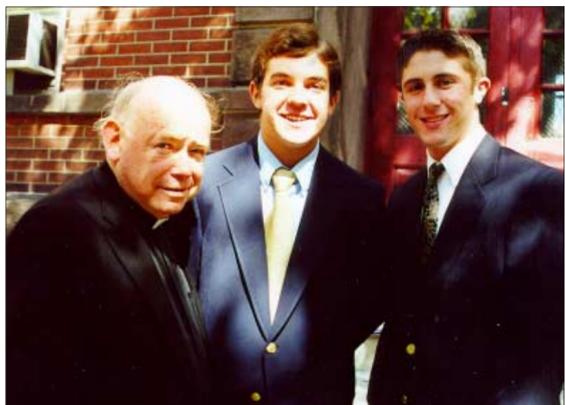
### Christopher Beil of Westfield Experiences Biking Trek in Program

WESTFIELD - Christopher Beil, the son of John Beil and Jessica Rinaldi in Westfield, recently participated in Salisbury University's New Student Experience Program on a bicycling trek in the Maine wilderness.

A 2001 graduate of Westfield High School, Christopher was a member

of the National Honor Society, the Model United Nations and the Catholic Youth Organization, in addition to running cross-country and track.

Christopher plans to major in political science at Salisbury University and to attend law school.



WELCOME TO THE CLUB...Westfield Resident Joseph Serzan, center, and Scotch Plains resident Christopher Delaney, right, both seniors at St. Peter's Prep, were recently inducted into the National Honor Society. The inductions were made during a special ceremony held at St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City. Joining them is President Reverend James F. Keenan. Joseph is a 1998 graduate of Holy Trinity Interparochial School of Westfield. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Serzan. Christopher is the son of Michael Delaney and Joanne Leone, both of Scotch Plains.

### SP-F Public Works Depts. Contribute to School Project

SCOTCH PLAINS - Officials from Scotch Plains and Fanwood gathered recently to inspect one of the first joint projects completed under the auspices of the local Shared Services Committee.

The group included Fanwood Mayor Louis C. Jung, Scotch Plains Mayor Martin L. Marks, Fanwood Director of Public Works Raymond Manfra, Scotch Plains Public Works Director Walter DiNizio, Scotch Plains Chief of Police Thomas O'Brien, Board of Education President Donald Sheldon and Park Middle School Principal Rocco Colucci.

These officials checked out the redesigned parking lot and traffic pattern at Park Middle School, which allows for easier flow of traffic and drop-off of students.

The project, which was completed jointly by the Public Works Departments of the two municipalities, involved the removal of asphalt and concrete curbing material from the old parking lot at Park School and the recycling of the materials to the Weldon Company in Scotch Plains.

The Fanwood Department of Public Works (DPW) supplied the materials and manpower to paint directional lines and arrows for parking spaces and the new student drop-off zone. The Scotch Plains DPW installed new

signs at the site.

The towns contributed equipment for the project, including a backhoe, loader, dump trucks, roller, tamper plate, compressor, sweeper, and a pick-up truck. Scotch Plains donated the stone used in the project and the Board of Education paid for all other materials used.

Each town supplied three employees, who worked around snowstorms and cold weather during the winter months to complete the new parking area in time for spring.

Joining in the project for Fanwood were Assistant Foreman Anthony DeMonte and operators Richard Wied and John Piccola, with operators Frank DiNizio, Bruno Baldani, and Assistant Public Works Superintendent Dave Klastava pitching in from Scotch Plains.

The Shared Services Coordinating Council, coordinated by Daniel Mason of Jersey Professional Management of Cranford, is currently discussing additional joint projects that can be accomplished involving Public Works and other departments of the town governments and the Board of Education.

The group's goal is to streamline operations and reduce overall costs for the municipalities and the school district.



### After Terror, WHS Teen Realizes New Value of Life

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The terrorist attack on September 11 awakened many feelings for many people. Most teenagers feel that they can do almost anything and still be untouched by harm. Bungee jumping, fast driving, and seatbelt less riding are all a part of teenagers feeling that life will always be good to them.

September 11, 2001 has changed that sentiment for many teens.

Up until these terrorist attacks on the United States, most teens have not had much experience with death. Until the past few weeks, they have felt very confused about how so many people could be lost so quickly. How could a life — no, thousands of lives — be snuffed out within minutes? Perhaps those lives are not totally lost.

People ask, "Where did my loved one go?" That is a question that will remain unanswered. What remains are their accomplishments, their love friends and family, as well as their contributions to the world. The heroes and heroism of this attack leave us with huge inspiration, and cour-

age.

If ordinary people can stop terrorists from flying a plane into a public building by overthrowing a hijacker and crashing earlier, then we can perform small tasks such as homework and tests without complaining.

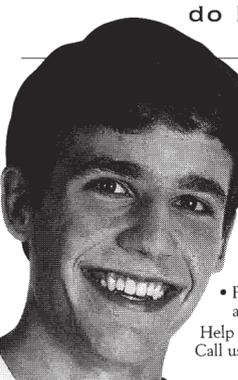
When trying to understand the concept of death, think of what these people did during their lives.

Death is now a new reality for teenagers. Life should not be taken for granted. It is a fragile gift. Teens may become more conscious of their actions by being more cautious. They may now buckle up their seatbelts and look left and right before crossing.

Now we have to face our mortality. Life is precious and we should take care of it. The unanswered questions about death could be better understood if teens talk to one another, their religious groups or clergy members or to professional counselors.

All of these sources could probably agree that we cannot know where these people have gone. The people who have died will inspire changes in our lives.

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