



SELFLESS SERVICE......Mount Saint Mary Academy students brighten the day for residents at the McAuley Health Care Center.

Mount Saint Mary Students Help Others on Service Day

WATCHUNG — Mount Saint Mary Academy (MSMA) in Watchung recently held a Service Day, as students, teachers, staff and administrators gave a day of service to sites on and off campus.

On campus at the House of Prayer, the McAuley School for the Developmentally Disabled and McAuley Health Care Center, they provided service by removing wallpaper, planting and grounds work, preparing a mailing, painting, documenting the day, and tutoring in technology.

At the center, the residents were treated to special events, cleaning, a picnic, and a tree planting.

The MSMA gymnasium was transformed for the day into a circus where the students of McAuley School joined a parade, enjoyed arts, and participated in games and crafts. Circus treats were also provided.

The day ended when everyone returned to Mercy Hall for snacks and beverages provided and served by mothers from the Mercy Guild (Mothers' Club).

Locally, at St. Joseph's Grammar

School in North Plainfield, volunteers painted the white posts on the school sign and planted flowers in planters on the front steps with environmental students. Work was also done in Asbury Park at Sisters' Academy, Epiphany House and Mercy Center, including organizing storage, inventorying, entertaining children and cleaning.

In Middletown, at The Gathering Place, planting and retreat preparations filled the day.

Four locations in Keansburg, St. Ann School, Hansel and Gretel Preschool, Baysore Senior Center, and St. Ann Child Care Center received the volunteers. The extra hands provided by MSMA worked with kindergarten students, created a bulletin board, did art projects, assisted teachers, cleaned play grounds, helped seniors with yard work and gardening, and cared for babies.

A year in the planning, Service Day brought to life a value taught at MSMA: service to others. The other Mercy Core Values are justice, respect, integrity and compassion.

Local Latin Exam Winners Told by Mount Saint Mary

WATCHUNG — Freshmen Latin I students Nicole Reich of Piscataway and Claire Moryan of Westfield, both students at Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung, received gold medals on the National Latin Exam.

Nicole, with a perfect score, took Latin because she heard it would help her on her SATs.

When asked about her teacher, Walter Kawalec of Sayreville, Nicole said, "Mr. Kawalec makes Latin fun. I like Latin because Mr. Kawalec is a wonderful teacher. He gives every student individual attention."

Claire's sister took Latin and encouraged her to do the same.

Claire said, "My mother wanted me to take Latin too. I can figure out many new words that I wouldn't have known if I hadn't taken Latin. Mr.

Kawalec brings in derivatives and that helps me. I'm happy I took Latin."

Other winners included Eva Marie Wash of Metuchen who won a silver medal in the Latin II exam.

Eva explained, "My brother is majoring in the classics in college and he encouraged me. I like the challenge of translating and enjoy it. There was so much history to learn and Mr. Kawalec was one of my best teachers ever."

Alexandra Smith of Watchung also won a silver medal on the National Latin Exam for Latin III Poetry. Her motivation for taking Latin was, "I wanted to try something new. My dad said it would help with the SATs and he was right. I liked all four years."

Mount Saint Mary Academy offers Latin I and II, Virgil and Cicero.



A LOVE FOR LATIN......Nicole Reich of Piscataway, left, and Claire Moryan of Westfield have received Gold Medals on the National Latin Exam.

Middle School Students Give Lesson in Proper Mulching

FANWOOD — The Borough of Fanwood held its annual Arbor Day Program in Carriage House Park on May 6th. The program featured a presentation by the members of the Park Middle School Environmental Club regarding the proper way to mulch a tree.

Earlier in April the club, under the guidance of science teacher Peggy Brown and the Fanwood Shade Tree Commission, properly mulched several trees in the park.

The students explained that a common and incorrect way to mulch trees is to pile mulch up against the tree trunk. This forms a mulch volcano which can do damage to the trunk. The primary function of mulch is to hold moisture for the tree roots. Trees only absorb water through their root systems.



IMPERSONATION......Condoleezza Rice, represented by fifth grader Abigail Sawers, poses during the annual Wax Museum Presentation at Wilson Elementary School in Westfield on May 6.

Club members demonstrated that a six-inch space between the trunk and the mulch, forming a doughnut shape, is the correct method. Mulch piled against a tree in a volcano shape traps moisture against the trunk and can cause the tree to rot.

They advised that doughnuts are good and volcanoes are bad. For more information about the proper way to mulch a tree, please call the Fanwood Shade Tree Commission and ask for Certified Tree Expert Jeanne Kavinski at (908) 322-6502.

The members of the Park Middle School Environmental Club are: Rosie Fernandez, Karen Bao, Devin Ausbon, Cassandra Segulin, Matthew Kersy, Peter Huether, Anna McGuinness, Jake Metsky, Anthony DeBellis, Mariel Mital, Kristen Lee, Jillian Schuster, Maggie O'Brien, Nicole Danik, Rose Thompson, Jason Cepparulo, Christian Bobyack, Disha Rao, Gregory Kashmer, Robert Leone, Sarah Stein, and Rose Sigona.

Forman and Lawrence Earn Dean's List Status

WESTFIELD — Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. has reported that Westfield residents Stefanie Forman and Joshua Lawrence were named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester.

The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Forman, Stefanie is a graduate of the Newark Academy in Livingston.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lawrence, Joshua is a graduate of Westfield High School.

Both students are enrolled in the university's College of Arts and Sciences.



WORDSMITHS......Under the guidance of art teacher Allison Hooper, students and staff members at McKinley Elementary School in Westfield designed a Vocabulary Word Box to celebrate their school theme, "Superize Your Vocabulary with McKinley McWords." Four-hundred boxes were donated by local merchants. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Aidan Sumner, Lizzy Allen, Ariel Moise-Kleinman and Anthony Pericolo, and back row, Emily Benz, Fairs Dwider, Michael Kirkland, Nicholas LaRosa and Monika Nemeth.

McKinley School Celebrated Youth Art Month With Show

WESTFIELD — The McKinley Elementary School's Eighth Annual Art Show was held on April 20 at 7 p.m.

While artists Christo and Jeanne Claude were displaying their monumental art, "The Gates," all over Central Park in February, the fourth graders at McKinley were learning about them and creating an environmental installation of their own.

In late February and early March, Tracy Pushko, a student teacher finishing up her Masters in Art Education, dressed up as Christo and Jeanne Claude for each of the three fourth grade classes and taught the students about the contemporary artistic duo, while fielding questions asked of the artists.

In the class's study of the artists, the students used chartreuse fabric, instead of saffron, and painted with their hands in tints or shades they had mixed to create handprints on fabric.

The project evolved into "Hands Across McKinley" when 180 feet of fabric was swathed across one of McKinley's hallways.

"The creative spirit is never more alive than when we are children," said Miss Pushko. "The art of a

child combines purity, complexity, and courage in an amazing display of his/her unique view of the world."

The supervising art teacher at McKinley, Alison Hooper, said, "I was thrilled to see that Miss Pushko was able to incorporate "The Gates" installation into our newly revised art curriculum. I have no doubt that the students will remember Christo, Jeanne Claude and this unique project for many years."

Miss Pushko returned to the school, dressed as Jeanne Claude, for the art show. Dozent representatives from the fourth grade were available to answer questions and distribute swatches of fabric to all attendees.

New SPFHs Alumni Directory Available

SCOTCH PLAINS — The new Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHs) 2005 Alumni Directory has been published. Copies are available at the Scotch Plains Public Library and the Fanwood Memorial Library.

Reunion committees and SPFHs alumni can learn information about their classmates in the directory.



A CUDDLY FRIEND......Lisa Ciarrocca, Child Life Manager at Overlook Hospital and a Wesley Hall Nursery School mother, recently brought the hospital's Teddy Bear Clinic to the school. The children were asked to bring their favorite stuffed animal to the clinic to have a simulated hospital visit. The stuffed animals received a name bracelet, had their blood pressure and temperature taken and a cast put on their arms. Pictured are Mrs. Ciarrocca and Laura Jean Calcagno from Wesley Hall's Teddy Bear class.



WORLDY......McKinley third graders completed their study of foreign cultures by presenting the International Celebration on May 3, during which pupils wore costumes, carried handmade flags, and brought foods that represented many countries they have studied. Family members were treated to a presentation by the students, which included singing and recitations about the countries. Pictured, left to right, are: Natalie Torres, Francis Wong, Cynthia Faris, Jonathan Baker, Holden Ehrhart and Nicholas Velez, as they ready their presentation on The Philippines.

Jeffrey Goldstein to Attend Congressional Conference

WESTFIELD — Jeffrey Goldstein, a junior at Westfield High School, has been selected to attend LeadAmerica's 2005 Congressional Student Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. from Friday, June 24, to Wednesday, June 29.

Exceptional high school students from across the United States and internationally, who have a record of academic achievement and outstanding extra-curricular or community involvement, are nominated to participate.

The conference is a college-accredited invitational leadership program for academically talented and promising young leaders.

Through briefings and discussions with national and international leaders in fields of study and through

realistic, hands-on simulation, Jeffrey will have the opportunity to experience leadership in action and to learn first-hand about the complexities of decision-making in a chosen field or profession.

By engaging in special interactive workshops and activities, Jeffrey will develop confidence and maturity while learning and practicing leadership skills including effective communication, conflict-resolution, team-building, and team management.

Special excursions, briefings and tours of significant places of interest will round out his experience.

Jeffrey is an employee of Temple Emanu-El in Westfield, the Union County Parks and Recreation Commission. The Arc of Union County and the Westfield Baseball League. He is also an active member of the American Red Cross and is certified as a water safety instructor. His platform is Social Security reform and stem cell research.



Jeffrey Goldstein

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