

Pushcart Players Perform at Lincoln School in Garwood

GARWOOD - Pushcart Players, the Verona based professional theatre company for young audiences, performed its musical play Let Freedom Ring at Lincoln School in Garwood on January 20.

The performances were done as an all-school assembly gathering of students and their teachers. Let Freedom Ring (formerly known as American Sampler), is a fast-paced musical which offers a fresh approach to telling the story of Colonial America and pleases a wide range of students and teachers with its familiar folk songs, high energy staging and colorful costumes and settings.

The story spans K-8 history and social studies - from the arrival of the first settlers in 1620 to the new wave of immigration at the turn of the 19th to 20th century.

This spirited musical review is a celebration of our nation's birth and development, and brings history to life in an inspiring, informative and highly entertaining theatre piece. Pushcart Players is an ensemble of professional (Actors' Equity Association) actors dedicated to enriching, enlightening and inspiring young people through the introduction and presentation of quality theatre and arts in education programming.

Pushcart is in its 38th season and has traveled over two million miles to serve more than eight million children and their families. Based in New Jersey, this dynamic and highly acclaimed company brings the power of the arts to life in schools, theatres and community centers throughout the nation and abroad. Pushcart is well known for presenting productions filled with fun, facts, magic and wonder; and for bringing a little bit of "Broadway" to schools and local theaters throughout New Jersey and beyond. Pushcart productions provide young audiences with an excellent introduction to theatre and the arts along with lessons rich in character development and human values.

All presentations are accompanied by a study guide for teachers and a question/answer session with the cast immediately following a performance. In addition to Let Freedom Ring, many other Pushcart productions continue to be available throughout the school year and may be viewed by downloading our current brochure from www.pushcartplayers.org. Pushcart's wide range of Arts In Education programs such as Creative Drama Workshops, Teacher Training and Professional Development

ment Workshops, Kids Do Broadway After School Programs and many others are also available and may be tailored to suit the needs of any school or organization upon request.

Representatives from schools and other sponsors of theatre and arts in education programming interested in previewing or booking a performance or arts workshop should call Pushcart at (973) 857-1115 or write to "Pushcart," 261 Bloomfield Avenue Suite A, Verona, N.J. 07044. Further information, such as Pushcart's current brochure and study guides to all programs, may be obtained by sending an email to information@pushcartplayers.org or by visiting the Pushcart website: www.pushcartplayers.org.



University Announces Dean's List

ST. BONAVENTURE, N.Y. - Gabriella Levine, a first-year student from Garwood, has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at St. Bonaventure University. Gabriella is majoring in Political Science.



NUTCRACKER GIRLS... Wardlaw-Hartridge School students Mikayla Cole of Plainfield (left) and Charlotte Sweeney of Cranford performed in the New Jersey Ballet's Nutcracker during the holiday season. Performances were held at the Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown. Mikayla, a third grader, was a clown and Charlotte, an eighth grader, was a soldier.



BIRD SANCTUARY... Students and faculty of Westfield High School (WHS) have spent the last few months creating one-of-a-kind birdhouses. A silent auction will be held for the purchase of the 35 hand crafted birdhouses on Saturday, March 3, during the annual Rotary Club of Westfield Pancake Breakfast. Proceeds will benefit the WHS art Department

Birdhouse Auction to Benefit WHS Art Department

WESTFIELD - A unique fundraising event has been established in cooperation with the Westfield High School (WHS) Art Department, the Rotary Club of Westfield and the WHS PTSO. Students and faculty of WHS have spent the last few months



Area Residents Make Dean's List at Wake Forest University

WINSTON SALEM, N.C. - The following local residents were among over 1800 students from Wake Forest University who made the Fall Dean's List:

Joyce Kechner, a resident of Cranford; Allison Sharkey, a resident of Westfield; Robert Ciarrocca, a resident of Westfield; Kathleen Esler, a resident of Westfield.



Mullan Named to Dean's List at UMass

BOSTON, Mass. - Charlotte Mullan, a resident of Mountainside, was among more than 3,000 students from the University of Massachusetts Boston who made the Fall 2011 Dean's List.

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Holy Trinity Interparochial School To Hold Open Houses

WESTFIELD - Holy Trinity Interparochial School will celebrate the beginning of Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 29, by hosting Open Houses at both of the campuses.

The Open House for the Early Childhood Program, ages 2 1/2 through kindergarten, will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Mountainside Campus, which is located at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 304 Central Avenue, Mountainside.

The Open House for Grades 1-8 will be held from 1-3 p.m. at the Westfield Campus of Holy Trinity Interparochial School, 336 First Street, Westfield.

Teachers, staff, current parents and students will be available to answer questions at both campuses, and tours of the schools will be offered.

In addition, Fr. Michael Saporito, pastor of Saint Helen's Church, one of the school's three sponsoring parishes, will be speaking at the Westfield Campus on "Why Catholic School is Still Relevant in Our Modern World."

Holy Trinity Interparochial School, a pre-K through eighth

grade school located at campuses in Mountainside and Westfield, New Jersey, is a 2011 U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. As a Middle States Accredited school, it is run under the auspices of the Newark Archdiocesan School System. For more information on enrolling a child, email office-wc@htisnj.com or call (908) 233-0484.



Wheaton College

Announces Dean's List

NORTON, Mass. - The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass.:

Eric Solomon, a resident of Westfield and a member of the Class of 2015, is pursuing a major in Undeclared.

To earn Dean's List honors, a student must complete at least three graded courses and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

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Local Students Named to Dean's List at The University of Scranton

SCRANTON, Penn. - The University of Scranton has announced its Dean's List, which recognizes students for academic excellence during the 2011 fall semester. A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours to make the Dean's List. The list includes students from the Jesuit university's College of Arts and Sciences, the Kania School of Management, the Panuska College of Professional Studies and the College of Graduate and Continuing Education. More than 1,420 students were named to fall 2011 semester Dean's List, including the following area residents.

Andreas Panagakos of Cranford is a freshman economics major in Scranton's Kania School of Management; Robert Granstrand of Westfield is a junior finance major in Scranton's Kania School of Management

Kimberly Townsend of Westfield is a junior exercise science major in Scranton's Panuska College of Professional Studies; Christina Cognetti of Westfield is a senior occupational therapy major in Scranton's Panuska College of Professional Studies; Rose Driscoll of Westfield is a senior occupational therapy major in Scranton's Panuska College of Professional Studies; Ariel Mone of Westfield is a senior counseling and human services major in Scranton's Panuska College of Professional Studies; Kristen Whritenour of Mountainside is a junior counseling and human services major in Scranton's Panuska College of Professional Studies.

MERCERSBURG

Mercersburg Academy Honors Local Scholar

MERCERSBURG, Penn. - Jane Banta of Westfield, a student at Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, has been named an AP Scholar with Distinction.

Students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of three or higher on a five-point scale.

Students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken on a five-point scale, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

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