



The Blue & White

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Congratulations to the **Class of 2011**



The Board of Governors, Faculty and Staff of Mount Saint Agnes Academy congratulates the Class of 2011 for their tremendous achievement. We are very proud of their academic performance and wish them God's blessings and much success in all their future endeavors.

Ryan Amaral	Bermuda College	Kelly Franco	University of Guelph, Canada
Celina Araujo	Bermuda College	Nathan George	Saint Mary's University, Canada
Marco Araujo	Bermuda College	Thomas Mahoney	Acadia University, Canada
Brian Bulhoes	Universal Technical Institute, USA	Caitlin Medeiros	Bermuda College
Andrew Cabral	Bermuda College	Dylan Pacheco	Bermuda College
Jonathan Chapman	Carleton University, Canada	Rebecca Pacheco	Acadia University, Canada
Jennifer Chisnall	King's College, Canada	Sergio Pavao	Bermuda College
Amanda Correia	The University of Tampa, USA	Taylor Peniston	Bermuda College
DeUnde Cox	Bermuda College	Sierrah Raynor	University of Central Florida, USA
Stephanie Da Silva	Mt. St. Vincent University, Canada	Tashae Richardson	Bermuda College
Taylor DeCosta	Bermuda College	Bianca Sadler	Bermuda College
Courtney de Frias	Bermuda College	Heather Sinclair	Oxford Brookes University, UK
Brittany De Melo	Bermuda College	Shaquille Smith	West London University, UK
Brittini DeSilva	Kingston University, UK	Ryan Sousa	Acadia University, Canada
Elijah Dublin	BELCO Apprenticeship Program	Sophia Thompson	Valencia College, USA
Cristina Eatherley	Bermuda College	Stephanie Vicente	Bermuda College
Katie Every	Acadia University, Canada		



Fifty years on has Class of 1961 been a success?

by Martha Myron

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Parents send their children to school to learn more than they know; to achieve more than they have; to become successful. But how do you measure success? Money, fame, more than that?

June is the annual rite of passage for students everywhere, from school, from university, from graduate school. Throwing off the role of the perpetual classroom attendee, and the dependency upon parents for most things in life, each year graduates emerge from their cocoons into the world: the real world driven by profits and losses, bonuses and redundancies, pay for performance (dollars and promotions) and punishment for passiveness (no dollars and demotions). It is a real world of survival, by your wits, by luck, by education, by sheer grit, no matter, the responsibility to succeed is now yours. No one else can do this for you.

Fifty years ago this month, the Class of 1961 of graduated from Mount Saint Agnes Academy. I was one of them, along with the most famous voice and influential opinionator in Bermuda, David Lopes.

We were born during World War II from 1942 to 1944. We are quite possibly the last generation of children that were assumed to grow up to lead relatively stationary lives: school, church, possibly college, a job for many years, marriage, domestic stability, home, hobbies, then retirement after rolling along for 50 years.

But, life happened to all of us.

We were the bridge generation straddling the old version of complacent non-confrontational conformists and the new Me First Baby Boomers, pushing all boundaries and setting new horizons.

We were of a place that had little immediate access to the outside world, further education, styles, ideas, and consumer cravings. We thought we were worldly, but we were naively happy living in a sleepy fishing village.

A wonderful gift in retrospect because we now understand that this school experience - the pure luck of the draw for that time and

place - taught us many lessons, some implicit, some drilled into us again and again by the Sisters of Charity. They knew how to teach and they cared about our success. We learned to be survivors, resourceful independent thinkers, ready to challenge the borders past those reefs.

What else could you strive for when there was no television to stagnate the mind?

There were 36 of us in this Bermuda Class of 1961. We were a composite bunch; ladies outnumbering the men three to one. Among the demographics, too, a fourth of our class were a group of cooler United States transplant kids from Kindley Air Force Base. They possessed a fascinating and alluring sophistication carried from the American mainland.

Our parents were mainly hard-working individuals from modest backgrounds. Some were first or second generation immigrants to Bermuda seeking a better life. Those students whose parents had large families and businesses were expected to contribute before and after school, often working until late in the evening.

Life was more fragile then. Our parents were careful and conservative with their money. Our parents did not hope their children would succeed. They demanded that we achieve success, financially and physically.

So, what have we done as we look forward to our spectacular sparkling horizon to the years ahead that still promise success and satisfaction.

We've become an actress, US TV personality, college lecturer, served in Vietnam and the US Air Force, the Bermuda Regiment, engineers, accountants, film star, financial adviser, business entrepreneurs, pioneers in a new countries, speak multiple languages, globally mobile executives, philanthropic-focused volunteers, caregivers, homemakers, good fathers and mothers, and good friends. One of us dedicated her life in Service to the Lord.

Some have quietly chosen simple, comfortable lifestyles; others have flown like kites to the four corners of the world, to return to the only Bermuda on earth, decades later.

We have seen our classmates endure tragic life sorrows, far more than their share. We have lost six classmates, prematurely, along with other good friends, siblings, parents.

Some would call these normal statistics that happen in any group - but they never are. In a small community, they are deeply personal. Those that have left us far too soon are always loved and eternally missed. We honour their memories.

Life can be so euphoric, so precious, and debilitatingly exhausting. We've had our share of successes and failures, some financial, some physical, some personal, but we've survived to carry on for another day. Through our lives, we have had role models of many individuals who carry a quiet abiding faith in the inherent goodness of people and the power of prayer and redemption.

Have we achieved success? Have we done well in life? Have we left our footprints in the sand?

If our teachers were grading us today, the entire class would receive a resounding A plus.

In many ways, small and large our class has contributed to the growth of this country. It is the committed hard work and intellectual efforts of ordinary people like us who have become during their lives extraordinary individuals - in their own right, in their own way, in their own time.

We have made a mark. We have contributed. We have achieved success. Our parents would be proud. We have met their expectations!

*One ship drives east and another
drives west
With the selfsame winds that blow.
'Tis the set of the sails
And not the gales
Which tells us the way to go.
Like the winds of the sea are the
ways of fate
As we voyage along through life.
'Tis the set of a soul that decides its goal,
And not the calm or the strife.*

Ella Wheeler Wilcox, 'Winds of Fate'

Anything Goes, or Does It? by Sister Judith

Summer has arrived and with it, hopefully, a slower, more relaxing pace with some time for quiet reflection. My own reflections over the past several months seem to focus on how an "anything goes" attitude has become somewhat the norm in our families, on our island and in this world of the twenty-first century. We see this attitude manifest itself in varying ways and can probably be described in general as a lack of respect. Respect has a number of meanings. The one to which I am referring means to treat with consideration, to show esteem, to be deferential. I would like to share several areas of where I see a lack of respect and invite you to consider them and to think about how you can do your small part to eliminate or lessen the impact of this "anything goes" attitude.

All of society's values are generated in the family. Families form the bedrock of society. Sitcoms, cartoons and even TV ads exhibit such blatant disrespect for others that it is no wonder we see an increasing amount of disrespect by the young and not so young towards their families and adults in general. St. Paul tells us that the Spirit of God dwells within each of us. Such a thought should cause us to pause before speaking, especially when we are angry. The bottom line is that we should not feel that we can say anything that comes to mind and not think about the consequences. Would that the whole world truly understood that we are brothers and sisters to each other, temples of God! How differently would we treat each other and how much better our world would be.

Then there is the matter of the ubiquitous cell phones, iPods, Blackberries and the like. How sad to see a couple or group dining together at a restaurant and one or all on the cell phone conversing with someone other than those in whose company they are. Is this not disrespectful? There are many other occasions where cell phone use is inappropriate and at Mass or a Worship Service is certainly one of them. Recently I witnessed people texting during Mass and I was saddened more than angry, especially since these were adults. What does such an action say to the children? Can we not give God just an hour of our time?

No where is the "anything goes" mentality more obvious than in dress. In general sloppiness seems to be the style of the day. Professional dress seems to no longer be expected nor the norm. There was a time in the not too distant past when we spoke of "Sunday Best". I do not consider myself a prude but I have been utterly appalled at the dress of young women and the not so young as they approach the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. In addition to inappropriate dress the gum chewing and dangling arms of people both approaching the altar and returning from it are disrespectful and exhibit a lack of understanding of the Gift God has given us.

Let us take time this summer to ponder some of these ideas and maybe resolve to make respect of others a personal goal. May you and your loved ones have a safe summer and remember there is no vacation from God.

KPMG Investment Challenge

Congratulations to Thomas Mahoney and Ryan Sousa (Class of 2011) for their outstanding performance in the KPMG Investment Challenge. Their team, The Gekko Brokers, placed second in an investment competition promoted by KPMG, which involved 15 teams and 68 "investors".

The teams were given \$50,000 (virtual). They then had to make investment decisions using real markets, real companies, and real valuations.

Thomas and Ryan invested in companies in America, Argentina, Bermuda, Brazil, and China and their investment portfolio had a 36% return in less than 6 months.

Congratulations for a job well done!



Bermuda

by Sister Mary Rodriguez
MSA 1924 – 1927

Far where the broad Atlantic swells
Beneath an arch of blue,
Where sky and wave together meet
A coral reeflet grew.

No mortal eye espied it there
Nor sea-bird poised on high;
Lonely it sprang, and lonely grew-
The nursling of the sky.

With soft, caressing touch, the wind
In summer round it played,
And murmuring through its crystal caves
Unceasing music made.

The ministering wind, so sweet
With fragrant perfume, brought
A changeful robe of emerald moss
By fairy fingers wrought.

Thus, day by day, and year by year
The little islet grew;
Its food, the flower dust wafted by,
It's drink, the crystal dew.

By night, the lonely stars looked down
Each, from his watch tower high,
And smiled a loving blessing sweet
Upon this beautiful isle.

And forest birds, from distant lands,
A moment settled there;
And from their plumes shook the seeds
Of many flowers fair.

The islet grew and tender plants
Rose up amidst the dearth,
Bloomed, died and dropped upon the soil
Like gifts from heaven to earth.

Thus, ages passed, till cedar trees
Graced the one barren strand,
And Easter Lilies sweet perfume-
Pervaded all that land.

So Thus in every human heart
A grain of good is sown
Whose strivings upward to the light
Are seen by God alone.



Year End Awards - Elementary, Middle & High School

ELEMENTARY AWARDS

Each year Grades 3, 4 and 5 students participate in a special reading program. The students are given incentives to read as many books as possible during the year. In order to earn points, they are required to show that they have understood what they have read by passing a short computerized test. We would like to recognize the following special students who have scored over 1,000 Reading Points this year:

John Hui	4122
Selena DaSilva	3984
Sabrina DaSilva	3187
Andrew Vrieze	2291
Rachel DeCosta	2071
Lauren Smyth	2009
Caroline Amaral	1840
Emily Sinclair	1817
Carissa Da Sliva	1699
Hannah Blee	1608
Mateo Rodriguez	1394
Colin McCue	1273
Alexa DeSilva	1204
Miranda Araujo	1119

With special recognition given to John Hui for earning the highest score with 4,122 points, and Selena and Sabrina DaSilva who earned over 3,000 points and received the Sandy Johnson Memorial Award for the Most Improved in Literacy. Amazingly, both students received Reading Recovery in Grade 1 and now are two of the top readers in the Elementary. This school year alone they have read and understood an average of 75 books EACH ranging from Grade 4 to Grade 9 level of difficulty! Scoring almost double the last year's highest AR total.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS

GENERAL EXCELLENCE – Is given to the student who has received the highest average for the year.

In Grade 6: Blair Smyth
In Grade 7: Elizabeth Hui
In Grade 8: Alyssa Cardoso

John DaCosta Award – For the highest exam average Gr. 7: Elizabeth Hui

THE INCENTIVE AWARD – is presented to the student with the highest increase in their final average from June 2010 to June 2011.

In Grade 6 to 7: Josie DeBraga
In Grade 7 to 8: Claudia Camara

The Sandy Johnson Memorial Plaque for Improvement in Literacy: Kristen Bean

The Toby Colombe Scholarship: Makai Joell and Susanna Armano

HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

GENERAL EXCELLENCE – Is given to the student who has received the highest average for the year.

In Grade 9: Ciara Rego
In Grade 10: Heather Blee & Nicole Pimentel
In Grade 11: Chelsy Furtado
In Grade 12: Rebecca Pacheco

THE INCENTIVE AWARD – is presented to the student with the highest increase in their final average from June 2010 to June 2011.

In Grade 9 to 10: Kneiko Richardson
In Grade 10 to 11: Megan Teixeira

The Sandy Johnson Memorial Shield for Excellence in a Foreign Language: Ciara Rego and Kristen Claude

The Joan McPhee/Susan McPhee-Rhind Award for Dedication: Heather Blee

John DaCosta Award for the highest exam average Grade 10: Nicole Pimentel

William DeSilva Sr. Award: Michelle Medeiros

The Rose E. Soares/Joseph S. Marirea Scholarship: Megan Teixeira

The Jason McCoy Award for Music: Grace Edwards

The Mark Lightbourn Plaque: Grade 6 for their outstanding commitment to the SPCA

Paul Leslie Smith Basketball Shield: Andrew Cabral

The Toby Colombe Scholarship: Brandon Sousa and Kyla Sinclair

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bermuda: Thomas Mahoney

PriceWaterhouseCoopers: Ryan Sousa

HSBC Recruit Extraordinary People Program Award: Nathan George

The Deloitte Award: Jennifer Chisnall

Ernst & Young Values Award: Brittni DeSilva

BELCO Math Achievement Award: Rebecca Pacheco

GRADUATION AWARDS

The Nicholl Shield: Rebecca Pacheco

The Most Reverend Bishop Murphy Shield: Jennifer Chisnall

The Robert Gullon Memorial Shield for Heart: Amanda Correia

The Reverend Deacon Edward Outerbridge Shield: Nathan George

The Jeffrey Castro Shield: Ryan Sousa

The Home and School Association Award for Outstanding School Spirit: Brittni DeSilva and Taylor Peniston

For Outstanding Leadership: Brittni DeSilva

Board of Governors Incentive Award: Andrew Cabral

Rollo Sullivan Award: Celina Araujo

Sisters of Charity prizes for service to their church: St. Theresa's: Celina Araujo & Heather Sinclair, St. Patrick's: Andrew Cabral, Jennifer Chisnall, Thomas Mahoney & Ryan Sousa St. Michael's: Rebecca Pacheco

The Bentley-Doyle Award for Excellence and Commitment to Sports: Andrew Cabral

The Gail McCallum Kneisler Angel on Earth Award: Thomas Mahoney

The Unsung Hero Shield: Andrew Cabral and Caitlin Medeiros



Celebrating 30 Years

The reunion was held at the same location as our graduation party 30 years ago, Mrs Helene Winters house, was once again opened up to the class of 1981.....along with their partners. Lots of photos, laughter and memories were shared.

Those who showed up were: Laura Botelho Blee, Therese Carroll, Ricky Lopes, Ana Raposo McLaughlin, Sandi Smith Cardosa, Barrie Stout Doucette, (flew in for the event) George Pavy, Katie Sheehy, (flew in for the event) Amanda Marshall, Duane Crockwell, Linda Gutteridge Rothwell, David Fitzsimmons, Tammy Benevides Zuill, Cheryl Caisey Mapp, Andrew Correia, BACK ROW: Carol Medeiros Bromby, Faith Chiappa Conyers, Margie Simas Stearns, Paula Smith Wight, Kim Winter Bean, Michael Montgomery, Michael Sinclair and Aidan Elliott.

Laura Nonemaker, a 1959 graduate of Mount Saint Agnes Academy living between Louisville, Kentucky and Cape Coral, Florida. Reminisces about one of her teachers, Sister Jean de Chantal, who had a profound impact on her life as a writer.

A Habit of Inspiration by Laura Allen Nonemaker

She was an imposing figure in black and white and she dominated the classroom. We quaked in our seats like boot camp recruits. It was 1953, the first day of seventh grade at Mount Saint Agnes Academy and we were face-to-face with Sister Jean de Chantal.

Sister Jean's reputation had preceded her; in our young minds, we faced nothing short of indentured servitude. We were indeed about to be challenged, but would ultimately blossom under her watchful eye. Personally, I came to love and admire the indomitable Catholic nun who inspired me to be a writer.

When the Sisters of Charity assigned Sister Jean to Bermuda, a love affair with the island began that would last the rest of her life. As a historian, she found Bermuda's colorful history compelling and ultimately wrote *Diary of a Colonial Town*, a chronicle of Bermuda's

settlement by the British. She also wrote mystery novels, under a pseudonym, of course.

Sister Jean wore an assortment of other hats during her long tenure at Mount Saint Agnes. While teaching music appreciation, she brought works such as *The Nutcracker Suite* magically to life for our young ears. In addition, her passion for Gilbert and Sullivan light opera led her to direct several such productions at the old Bermudiana Theatre. On the more physical end, she occasionally coached the girls in netball and it is amusing to recall Sister Jean enthusiastically demonstrating netball techniques dressed in her nun's habit.

A love of gardening often drove Sister Jean out on the convent grounds with watering can and shears in hand, to coax a stubborn plant into bloom. Nearby would sit her faithful companion, one of three generations of German Shepherds she raised to guard the convent. Appropriate to her commanding personality, their names were Major, Colonel, and Sergeant. She, of course, was the General.

Dedicated and enthusiastic in every facet of her life, Sister Jean demanded no less from

her students. If we did our best, we had nothing to fear. However, we quickly learned that it was unwise to test her patience. She evoked a combination of awe, respect, and devotion from her students and we flourished.

One of Sister Jean's greatest joys was teaching writing skills. She once asked us to write an essay depicting life in 17th Century England, which we were studying in history. I recreated a gathering in a coffee shop, the center of intellectual and literary society of that period. After reading my story, Sister Jean said, "Laura, this is very good. You should continue writing." When she praised my essay, I was delighted. When she had my story printed in the local paper, *The Royal Gazette*, I was elated. That was the moment my desire to be a writer took firm root.

Sister Jean has been gone for many years and I have become a published writer. Yet sometimes, when I stare at my computer screen and the ideas refuse to come, her inspiring words float back to me through time and my muse perches on my shoulder once more.

Where are they now?

Mary Jane DeSouza '76

Mary Jane is a graduate of MSA and is now a world renowned researcher in women's medicine and is a professor at Penn State. She is currently a director of an endocrinology research lab there as well. Prior to this current position she was a professor at the University of Toronto. She has been published in science and medical journals and has presented at conferences around the world. Yet, although she has earned and received so many accolades and awards she shared that the highlight of her career would be talk to the students of MSA. It is her humility and charisma that truly stands out. She is passionate about helping students, especially females, achieve their full potential and overcoming whatever obstacles may stand in their way.



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News to Share?

Did you recently get married? Have a baby? Get a promotion? that you would like to share with the rest of the MSA family. Email your details to lstevens@msa.bm for inclusion in the newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Lisa Anne (Bardgett) Stevens,'90. You may have noticed a few emails with name changes in the last couple of months. On April 16th, I was married to John Stevens.

Lesley Wharton, MSA teacher, who welcomed her first child, a baby boy, Nathaniel Joshua William, 7lbs 6.5oz, born on June 21st.

Bazaar 2011 by Kim Powell

Well, summer is finally here, another year gone. The summer will fly by and before we know it, September will be here with the start of yet another school year. We'd like to let you know that the theme for this year's Bazaar is "CIRQUE DU MSA, 2011". To all Managers and Co-Managers, teachers, students, parents and friends – put your thinking caps on for your stall decorating theme.

The Bazaar will be held on Friday, October 21st and Saturday, October 22nd, 2011 from 10:00am until 10:00pm. We still have a few positions that need to be filled, so if you'd like to join us, please let me know. The following stalls need help - SUPERSLIDE needs a Manager; KIDDYLAND needs a Co-Manager; PRIZEROOM needs a Co-Manager; COFFEE needs a Manager; CANTEEN/REFRESHMENTS needs a Co-Manager; we will also be looking for a Manager and a Co-Manager for CONSTRUCTION, not to mention the assistance of all the fathers, brothers, uncles, cousins who work in the construction industry for the set up and take down of the stalls - If you have any construction knowledge, we need YOU! This Bazaar is not possible without all of us working together - for our children, and for our school.

I'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer. Congratulations to the Class of 2011 and good luck from the MSA Bazaar Committee on your future endeavors.

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A Piece of History

(Adapted by Sister Judith from the writings of Sister Jean de Chantal Kennedy)

In September, 1922 the R.M.S.P. Chignecte sailed towards Hamilton with six Sisters and Mother Fidelis aboard. Two days into the trip two of the seamen came down with a rash and therefore could not proceed into the port of Hamilton but had had to run up the yellow flag and await the medical officer. He diagnosed the sailors' ailment as small pox and although the ship's doctor disagreed the passengers were ordered into quarantine. Parents and their children were brought to Coney Island for quarantine where the conveniences were far better than those the other twenty-one, including the Sisters, were to endure at Nonsuch Island. Because Nonsuch Island had been abandoned seven years earlier the weary passengers arrived to see empty, deteriorating buildings, small and inadequate, the dreary graves of former victims of the disease and the keeper's cottage on this desolate rock. There was not even a tree except by the morgue.

One fortunate event was that Dorothy Tucker, a trained nurse, whose mother was on the ship, accompanied Doctor Percy Shelley to Nonsuch Island where she believed her mother to be. However, her mother actually was quarantined on Coney Island but Dorothy had to now stay at Nonsuch Island because of her exposure to the sick. Doctor Shelley visited the island daily and found no signs of smallpox among his patients but nevertheless, he assigned two of the Sisters to take the temperature of all the patients once a day. These infirmarians were Sister Lucia and Sister Theophane. Supplies came regularly from the mainland and Dorothy assisted by two of the Sisters prepared meals and washed the dishes. As if the crowded, cramped quarters, lack of sufficient fresh water and the monotonous daily existence were not enough, a hurricane struck but the shark oil's turmoil caused preparations to be made and by the time the hurricane struck all had been secured. They sought what shelter they could get in the corners and closets and awaited the dawn. With the lulling of the storm, a temporary canvas covering was put over the roof and held down by blocks of stone, and life resumed its even tenor – for a while.

On the Sunday after the hurricane Mother Fidelis asked Sister Marie Louise and Sister Rita Vincent to play their mandolins for recreation. Before long the other passengers were making their way nearer to the sounds of music and Mother invited them to join the Sisters and soon all were together around the cottage balcony. Some asked for their favorite hymns and before the recital was over most of the familiar hymns, both Catholic and Protestant, had been played. When the time of their exile was about to come to a close, a further three weeks were added to the quarantine because a young man coming to teach at a boys' school was discovered with the rash. Necessity is the mother of invention and so Mother Fidelis, an accomplished artist who had her water colors and art paper with her, decorated one of the plain paper napkins with which they were provided, painting wild roses around the border and printing in gold ink the names of the passengers to celebrate Dorothy Tucker's birthday. Mother also painted a greeting card with the following words: "A heartfelt wish for Dorothy, who, imitating her patron saint showered on the quarantine exiles the roses of kindness, thoughtfulness and self sacrifice. God bless you, Dorothy. God keep you. God love you and give you many happy returns of your birthday." The Nonsuch Exiles.

Mother evidently had her own ideas about the particular manner in which God was to bless Dorothy before the recurrence of her birthday. She thought she saw-and very much approved of-a budding romance between Dorothy and the Doctor. Dorothy had confided to Mother that she was engaged to marry a man in the army but Mother dismissed the military man without even a thought. She had picked Doctor Shelley and apparently Dorothy agreed for they were engaged by Christmas and married at Easter. Community annals tell us that Dorothy cherished the paper napkin and card given her on that memorable day. Finally the days of isolation drew to a close and the Quarantined sailed into Hamilton Harbor in early October and the Sisters prepared for the delayed opening of school.

SPORTS by Dustin Ferris

Badminton

In the High School division MSA won more medals than any other school. Ciara Rego and Amber Lopes had a strong showing in doubles as well as Kneiko Richardson and Brandon Sousa who finished doubles in third place. Kinda Bassett and Kaelah Ming won silver medals in the doubles competition and Tyler Lopes and Phillip Couto won gold medals in doubles. Nick Lopes won a silver medal in singles and gold in doubles. Scott Burnard won gold in singles and gold in doubles.

The Middle School team had a strong showing and although we had no first or second place finishers most students advanced out of their pool and qualified for the playoff round finishing in the top 5 with several third and fourth place finishers. Members of the Middle School team were: Lauren Allen, Shannon Mahoney, Kristen Bean, Hunter Squire, Pedro Araujo, Cory Simas, Travis Boyles, Joshua Allen, Stephanie Soares, Susanna Armano, Karen Marino, Shania

Haller, Evin Mosley, Matthew Amaral, Riley Ricketts, & James Amaral. Well done MSA!

Sailing Regatta

The Bermuda Sailing Association first ever High School Fleet Racing Invitational was greeted with a beautiful evening on Friday, June 10 with a steady 7-10 knot breeze from the West. Over 30 sailors participated from Berkeley, BHS, Mount St. Agnes, Somersfield, Saltus and Warwick Academy. Seven races, approximately 12-15 minutes in length were completed and all the boats were close together on the race course. In the end, Mount Saint Agnes sailed to victory and were the overall winners.

Participating for MSA was Brian Bulhoes, Antonio Bailey, Makai Joell and James Amaral. Congratulations to our sailors for winning the first ever High School Fleet Racing Championship.

1853.5 Hours...

...that is the amount of hours spent by the Grade 12 students volunteering their time this past year.

Students in Grade 12 are tasked with providing community service during their last year of high school.

In November the Grade 12 class spent the day painting 5 rooms at the Sunshine League. Other volunteer projects included: collecting clothes and packing two containers for Gambia for the *Caravan of Hope*; Sundays at the Loaves and Fishes program; mentoring 6th graders with YouthNet; church activities like Cantors, Eucharistic

Ministers, CCD assistants, helping out at the Eccumenical tea, Children's liturgy, cleaning and painting the church hall with Brother Ed, dinner bingo, Portuguese Festival, Youth group, Diocesan Choir; Tutoring students in elementary school; Blue shirts and KEMH Candy striping; Soup Run with the Salvation Army; Middle-to-End and End-to-End walk; Teen Haven Tag day; BAMZ; Summer Haven; The Barn; Young Life; Wild Life youth group; Windreach; Bermuda Reading Association; Hope Academy and the Reading Clinic Tag Day.

Top volunteers were Jennifer Chisnall, Taylor Peniston and Rebecca Pacheco.

MSA Reusable Bags

Mount Saint Agnes is having a fundraiser of ultra-compact reusable shopping bags that easily fit in a pocket or purse. The bag's durability allows users to carry up to 25 pounds in each bag. You will use this bag often and not forget it at home as traditional reusable bags tend to be. **The bags are \$5.00** and can be purchased from the school - contact Lisa Anne (Bardgett) Stevens at 292-4134 ext 1906 or lstevens@msa.bm.



Grade 6: Remembering the Holocaust a Prayer Service

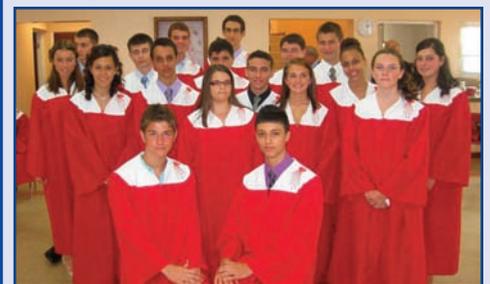
May 16 was the 80th birthday of Hana Brady. She was one of the Holocaust victims. The sixth grade dedicated their Holocaust service to her and all the other children who suffered during this terrible time in history. It was their way of showing that there has been too much hatred in the world around us.

During the service the chorus sang two beautiful songs – “Hana’s Song” and Susan Boyle’s “Wings to Fly. In the chorus were two seventh grade students (Victoria Paulo and Sydney Blee) and six sixth grade students (Catarina Correia, Hunter Squire, Imani Richardson, Felicia deSa, Caitlin Renaud, and Cassy McPhee).



Each sixth grade student placed flowers in vases in memory of one Holocaust child depicted on their memorial plates. As George and Hana Brady had done during the Holocaust period, the sixth graders buried their frustrations in a plastic bottle on the school field. This expressed their desire to stop the hatred and anxiety that have troubled them during the year. Father Paul was the officiating priest and Mrs. Boyle was the coordinator of the service.

Confirmation Class



Allison Estis, Ciara Rego, Steven Moniz, Luis Correia, Marcus Rushe, Markus De Couto, Nilson Vieira, Ashley de Sá, Christopher Peichoto, Stephen Corrado, Brandon Sousa, Amber Lopes, Tatyana DaCosta, Chelsea Goudge, Michelle DeCosta, Jack Ricciardi, Nathan Burgess. Missing from photo: Hamish McNiven.

National Honor Students



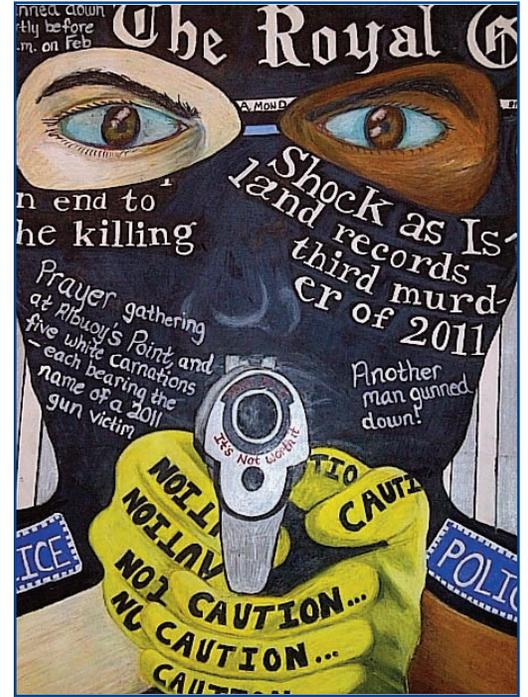
A traditional candlelight induction ceremony marks the thirtieth anniversary of the Elizabeth Seton Chapter of the National Honor Society at Mount Saint Agnes Academy on Friday, May 27th.

NHS members Shane Antonion, Jennifer Chisnall, Stephanie Da Silva, Chelsy Furtado, Thomas Mahoney, Michelle Medeiros, Rebecca Pacheco, Kelly Franco, and Kyla Sinclair. Five new students will be inducted: Heather Blee, Nicholas Coelho, Amanda Correia, Leanne Moniz and Nicole Pimentel.

Life Influencing Art

The rising level of gun violence influenced me to create this piece. Not that it will change anything, it is just a representation of what is going on our island today. The murders over the past few years and the gang activity. The island has changed drastically due to these apparent situations. I represented a black and white man behind the mask to show that this is not race related and that it affects everyone. The caution tape represents the crime scene plus the word caution makes you stop and think before proceeding. On his mask is the headlines of some of the murders and the reaction to them. The police patches represent the men and women of the police service who try and help the situations. For all the people that decide to commit gun crimes and crimes of violence, it is only going to lead to more violence more deaths and jail which is represented in the bars in my piece.

DeUnde Cox, Class of 2011



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