

# Sancta Familia Academy

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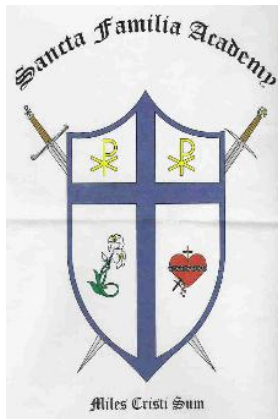
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## Teachers

Dorothy Noonan  
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Joel Blatt, PhD  
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## Teachers' Assistants

Joseph Rodger  
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*Sancta Familia Academy  
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## *2007 – 2008 School Year is Underway*

We have completed the first quarter of our 7<sup>th</sup> school year and all is well as we progress toward our vision of providing a truly classical and Catholic education for our children. We welcome back Mrs. Kowalak in her new position as primary instructor for our students in kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and we welcome two new teachers to our SFA staff: Ms. Doris Guido, 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and Mrs. Manuela Vasey, k – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Mrs. Noonan continues as our primary instructor for grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, with Dr. Blatt teaching Geometry and Physical Science, Fr. Macek teaching high school Religion, and Mr. Ramsaran teaching Chemistry.

## *The Institute for Excellence in Writing: Structure and Style*

A six part seminar has been scheduled for two Saturdays in February. Each day will consist of three sessions of the Institute for Excellence in Writing's seminar on DVD. Coffee, tea, doughnuts, and muffins will be served and SFA teachers will be available for questions and comments. Two of our teachers have been implementing the Structure & Style methods in our classrooms for 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Parents are invited to attend the seminars to learn more about these methods and how they can help their children at home. Home-schooling parents and interested teachers are encouraged to purchase a manual/workbook that follows the seminar so that they can learn how to implement these methods into their curriculum. Registration for the Seminar is \$30.00 and workbooks are available for \$29.00 (incl. S&H). Please spread the word – the seminar is open to all, however pre-registration is required.

## **All Saints Party**

Nearly 200 Saints and friends attended the seventh annual All Saints' celebration! The event was sponsored by Sancta Familia Academy, Holy Family church, and Holy Family Traditional Catholic School. More than 50 children participated in the Saint Parade, entertaining and educating us with stories of well known, and not-so-well known Saints of our Christian heritage.

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## *I'm Dreaming of a Catholic Christmas!*

Christmas Gift Sale December 7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

Shop at Sancta Familia Academy on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 9 p.m. for inspirational gifts from Ignatius Press. Items will also be displayed at the Christmas Play on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, and again at the showing of the movie, *Silent Night*, on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Proceeds from sales will support Sancta Familia Academy and help us to meet our many expenses including scholarships, teacher salaries, and educational materials.

## November is the Month of All Souls

### All Saints Day Pictures...



### Eucharistic Crusade



The Eucharistic Crusade was started in France in 1865. By 1935 there were 3,000,000 members in 75 countries. Crusaders offer prayers, good works, and sacrifices every day.

Don't forget to mark good deeds and sacrifices, like home work and chores, on your treasure sheets. The intention for November is for the faithfully departed, especially priests. For December, the intention is for Christian missionary zeal and for love of the honour of Our Saviour Jesus Christ.

During Advent, SFA students will be collecting pennies for the Eucharistic Crusade. Please send pennies in to school with students.

### *See The Story of Silent Night at our first Catholic Movie Night on December 21st*

With the famous Vienna Boys Choir giving stirring English and German renditions of Silent Night at the Austrian Palace, this film dramatizes the true story of Fr. Joseph Mohr and how he came to compose this beloved Christmas carol. This moving film tells of his poor upbringing, his devotion to his parish people and how this humble priest was inspired by God to write the world's most popular Christmas hymn.

Friday, December 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.  
Donation of \$5.00 per person includes movie and popcorn. Soft drinks \$.50 ea.

Movies scheduled for 2008 include:

St. John Bosco: Mission to Love  
Padre Pio: Miracle Man  
The Passion of Bernadette  
Saint Rita

### *3rd Annual Christmas Dinner Theatre*

Tickets are on sale now for Sancta Familia Academy's annual Christmas Dinner Theatre. The 2007 performance will be an original play written by our own Janie Alf. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$50 per family. Children under three are free.

Date: December 13, 2007

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: VFW Hall, 1430 N. Harbor City Blvd.

*Just north of Post Road on U.S. 1 in Melbourne*

### PTO MEETING



December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

The PTO had its annual organizational meeting in October, electing a new board and planning events for this school year.

The new officers are:

President – Mary Sutphin

Vice President – Margie Simonton

Secretary – Jack Olski

Treasurer – Janie

### *St. Nicholas Party December 6<sup>th</sup>*

December 6<sup>th</sup> the school will treat the students to a pizza lunch while they listen to stories about the real St. Nicholas. Children will decorate gingerbread men, make Jesse Tree ornaments, and sing favorite carols as they decorate the school and our tree. Students may leave their shoes by the door so St. Nick can sneak treats in them. Students are asked to bring wrapped gifts to donate to the Sharing Center this Christmas. Please label with boy or girl and specify appropriate ages. The gifts should be brought to school on December 6<sup>th</sup> in the spirit of St. Nicholas. (One gift per family would be sufficient.)

*Please continue to keep all the Families, Staff, Benefactors, Volunteers and students of Sancta Familia Academy in your prayers.*

### Latin Choir

The whole school takes time to learn the Sacred Music of the Tridentine Liturgy and Gregorian Chant every Friday after lunch. We are currently practicing Advent and Christmas hymns. It is a wonderful time to lift our voices to Our Savior.

### *And speaking of Latin...*

Our afternoon decade of the Rosary is now recited in Latin each day. In December, we will also say our noon Angelus in Latin. This will add new vocabulary and prayers to the students' repertoire as well as provide added practice in the Ave Maria.



### Music Appreciation

Our 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are learning about some of the greatest composers in history during their music class on Fridays. They read about the composers and their musical era, listen to a sampling of their music, and complete various activities, including writing assignments from the Logos School publication, *Writing Trails with Great Composers* by Laurie Barrie.

### The Melbourne Fire Department

On October 18<sup>th</sup> Firefighter Dan Morton and a few of his fellow firefighters from the Melbourne Fire Department visited Sancta Familia Academy and brought Engine 71 for the students to tour. The students were shown all the equipment on the engine while the firefighters explained how each is used. Patrick F. was our model as they dressed him in preparation for a fire. After seeing the inside of the fire truck, students went inside to listen to Mr. Morton's talk on fire safety. All of us at SFA extend our thanks to the firefighters for generously sharing their time with us.



- Remember to save your "Box tops for Education" box tops for Sancta Familia Academy. All box tops can be mailed or dropped off at the school.
- SFA participates in the WaMoola program by Washington Mutual Bank. Contact your branch for more information in how you can help our school.
- Office Depot will award 5% of qualifying purchases in credits to SFA with the Back to Schools Program. Our Office Depot account number is 70116857.

*Below we share samples of some of our students' work.*

### **The Fox and the Grapes**

One day, a fox who was in need of satisfying his hunger, came across a bunch of ripe black grapes hanging from a rather high vine. She resorted to all her tricks to retrieve them, but alas, she wearied her already famished self in vein, for she could not reach them. At last she turned away, hiding her sadness and saying: *The grapes were not ripe, but sour.*

*Moral: It is easy to despise what you can't have.*

Dena, grade 5

### **To God Alone the Glory**

Johann Sebastian Back was born March 21, 1685. He lived in Germany. He was taught by his father, who was the town musician. When Johann was nine years old his father died and he went to live with his brother who was an organist.

Bach was a choir-boy, a violinist, and then an organist. He published ten compositions during his lifetime but was better known as an organist than as a composer. Primarily a church musician, he believed that music should be played for God's glory. He routinely initialed his work with the letters S.D.G. (to God alone the glory.)

He was one of the world's greatest composers. He died in 1750. His grave was not marked.

Kathleen, grade 7

### **The Ants and the Grasshopper**

A grasshopper, who was perishing from hunger, made an inquiry to the ants for a satisfying meal. The ants, who were earnestly working, said, "You never work. You always waste your leisure time. So now you shall go to bed hungry!"

Michael, grade 6

*Look at the bird's nest Dr. Blatt brought us!*



### **Second Semester Registration**

Registration for high school classes beginning in January has begun. One semester classes with openings for new students include:

- ❑ Religion – a study of Scripture led by Fr. Macek
- ❑ American Government with Mrs. Noonan
- ❑ History of the Middle Ages – Mrs. Noonan
- ❑ English – Composition course correlated with the History of the Middle Ages, covers all 9 IEW units

The high school English course uses source texts with content from Medieval history and follows the syllabus of Structure and Style from the Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW). This course will begin with Unit 1 and new students are welcome. Mrs. Noonan also teaches an IEW course correlated with our second year American History study. Students interested in this class must already be familiar with the IEW method.

For more information about the school please visit our website at [www.sanctafamilia.org](http://www.sanctafamilia.org). If you would prefer to have the newsletter emailed to you and be added to our email update list, please call Janie Alf at 321-432-5430.