



Sancta Familia Academy

NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2013

Chaplet to Blessed Miguel Pro

Blessed Miguel, high-spirited youth, pray for us. Viva Cristo Rey.
Blessed Miguel, loving son and brother, pray for us. Viva Cristo Rey.
Blessed Miguel, patient novice, pray for us. Viva Cristo Rey.
Blessed Miguel, exiled from your homeland, pray for us. Viva Cristo Rey.
Blessed Miguel, prayerful religious, pray for us. Viva Cristo Rey.
Blessed Miguel, sick and suffering, pray for us. Viva Cristo Rey.
Blessed Miguel, defender of workers, pray for us. Viva Cristo Rey.
Blessed Miguel, courageous priest in hiding, pray for us. Viva Cristo Rey.
Blessed Miguel, prisoner in jail, pray for us. Viva Cristo Rey.
Blessed Miguel, forgiver of persecutors, pray for us. Viva Cristo Rey.
Blessed Miguel, holy martyr, pray for us. Viva Cristo Rey.

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES



Chantilly



Lucie



CLASS OF 2013

OUR NEWEST HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE: JONATHON THOMPSON

"My experience from SFA is one that I will never forget. I started attending SFA in 7th grade. I have been to a lot of different schools and none of them came close to the quality of teachers that care about you like SFA. The school is a very small school where you know everyone. It's just like a big family of amazing people waiting to let you in."

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Rory Pastorius

Mr. Pastorius, a well-known and highly respected CPA in the community, takes time out of his busy schedule to teach history from a traditional Catholic perspective to the students of Sancta Familia Academy. He has been called "The world's most interesting history teacher" by one student, who went on to say:

The last thing about this interesting man is that he knows everything about history. He can tell you about everything Napoleon Bonaparte did from the day he was born to the day he died.

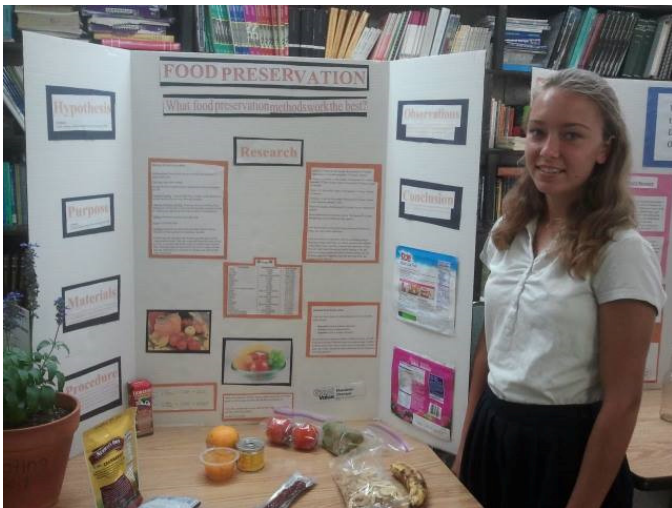
This man could talk about history for days. SFA is greatly blessed to have such a dedicated and wonderful teacher!

SFA Science Fair 2013

In May, the entire school participated in the Science Fair. Mrs. Mary Finke, who was in charge of the elementary students, was delighted by the wide variety of projects. These young students followed the scientific method and built their own electrical circuits, tested the effectiveness of fat to keep arctic animals warm, discovered what formula creates the best invisible ink, and experimented on candles to see if the color of the candle affected the rate at which it burns. One student even did a research project on the Rain Forest.

Miss Amy Sutphin (junior high science teacher) and Mrs. Mary Sutphin (high school science teacher) also had their students contribute. Some students tested the effect of additives on crystals and how soda affects our teeth. Others spent weeks examining the best plant fertilizer and what attracts insects to porch lamps. Food preservation methods were scrutinized, the quality of plastic wraps preventing oxidation was analyzed, and the ideal detergent for removing stains was studied.

The high school winners were tenth-graders Dena Sutphin and Aidan Noonan. Lucie Sutphin (8th) and Mary Noonan (9th) were the junior high winners. In the elementary division, Katie Finke took home the gold for her project on invisible ink, and Catie Noonan took second. Francis Young and Luke Sutphin both received honorable mentions for their creative projects.



Mary Noonan – 9th Grade

Sancta Familia would like to offer many thanks to our judges Perry Frogge, Rory Pastorius, and Doris Guido, who took time from their busy schedules to review the students' projects and make the whole experience enjoyable.



Catie Noonan – 3rd Grade and Francis Young – 4th Grade

5 things You Probably Don't Know about SFA

- SFA was founded in 2001 and is starting its 12th year of Traditional Catholic Education!
- SFA has been blessed with over 50 dedicated teachers and volunteers committed to Catholic education.
- SFA's dual-enrollment program allows our high school students to attend BCC for college credit.
- SFA has many amazing online resources to help parents and students! Check out our website !!!
- SFA's Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program has benefited 12 students ranging from grades K – 12.

ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT – Daniel Sutphin



I began attending Sancta Familia Academy in August of 2002 when I was just 12 years old. Some of my fondest memories include attending holy Mass every Friday with my fellow students, our weekly PE time at Ballard Park, and the many unique and influential teachers staffed there.

I now understand and appreciate the classical education that I received at SFA as I have drawn upon this knowledge base throughout my college education. Since graduating SFA I have gone on to achieve a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and I am currently working towards a graduate degree.

I hope to continue my education even further after graduating with my Master's degree in the spring. My goal is to attend a state law school here in Florida, delving into the complicated realm of the United States legal system. This is where my education at Sancta Familia Academy has taken me, and I am proud to call her my Alma Mater. Daniel Sutphin

Daniel Sutphin (with his little brother Luke) - Sancta Familia Academy Class of 2008 Graduate

IT'S ALL FUN and GAMES... and LEARNING TOO!!!

In May, the students went on a field trip to the McLarty Treasure Museum located on the National Historic Landmark Site of the 1715 Spanish Plate Fleet Survivors & Salvaging Camp in Vero Beach. They learned the history of the Spanish Treasure Fleet that sank there during a hurricane and about its 1,500 survivors. Later in the day, the students enjoyed a visit to Sebastian Inlet State Park for swimming and recreation!



Aidan reflects on the history of how the survivors interacted with the native indigenous Indians.

The Story of the McKay Scholarship at SFA

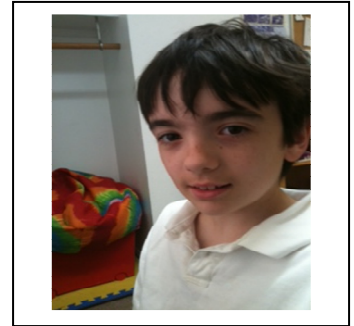
"My son Nathan was diagnosed with autism at 2 ½ years old. We turned to the public school system for help but it was woefully inadequate for his needs.

Since Nathan was eligible for the McKay Scholarship, which provides funds for special needs students to attend private schools, we moved him into a private school. I soon realized that they too were not meeting my son's needs.

As a teacher at SFA during this time, I came to know the administration and staff as genuinely caring, and I asked them if they would consider applying to qualify as a McKay school. They graciously agreed to start the difficult application process.

I am now very happy with Nathan's program at SFA. This has also become a benefit for many other families, as Nathan opened the door for other children to attend SFA who receive the McKay Scholarship.

I am so thankful to SFA for all their hard work, dedication, and faith in God so that I am able to give both of my children, Nathan and his sister Katie what they need to succeed in life." Mrs. Mary Finke



Nathan – 7th Grade

Please consider helping Sancta Familia Academy continue to offer a Catholic education to the families that depend on us.

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