



June 2011 Newsletter

Wrapping Up the School Year

As we approach the end of the school year, St. Joseph of the Palisades continues to keep busy with graduation preparations and different fun-filled events for students.

The end of May included events such as the Bazaar and the kick-off to Field Day activities for each grade. Students enjoyed different activities during the Bazaar, winning several different prizes. The Bazaar, held yearly, was hosted by the Student Council. Field day events included: an

obstacle relay, a water balloon chicken relay, an egg-spoon relay, beanbag toss, and potato sack races. Students had a blast competing for points for their assigned teams.

As we enter the month of June, we want to send a BIG congratulations to our Eighth Grade class! It's been a wonderful year and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

A BIG congratulations also goes out to our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes, who will be celebrating their

graduation on June 14th!



Alumni All-Class Reunion Event a Success!

To the Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for joining us at the All Class Reunion Alumni Event on May 22nd. It was wonderful to see each of you and to share all of the memories. If anyone has photos from the event, please e-mail them to princi-pal@stjosephpalisadeselem.com. We'd like to display them throughout the school.

We look forward to our All Class Reunion Dinner for the spring of 2012. More details will follow in the upcoming months. If anyone is interested in joining the Alumni Committee, please e-mail us or call us at (201) 861-3227 for more information.

I hope you will consider being a part of our Wall of Honor. For a donation of \$100, your name and graduation year will be engraved

on a plaque which will be placed on the walls at the entrance of the school building. This will be a wonderful display which recognizes you as the foundation of our school.

Love and best wishes,

Eileen Donovan-Ferrando
Principal

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Calendar Reminders:

- ☺ **June 1st**—Field Day for Grades 2, 3, 4, & 5; 8th Grade Dinner Dance
- ☺ **June 3rd**—Field Day for Grade 8; Half-day Dismissal; Faculty Meeting; *If staying for Aftercare, please bring lunch.
- ☺ **June 8th**—8th Grade Graduation
- ☺ **June 9th**—Field Day for Grades 6 & 7
- ☺ **June 10th**—5th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation
- ☺ **June 13th**—Half-day Dismissal; *No Aftercare
- ☺ **June 14th**—Half-day Dismissal; Pre-K & Kindergarten Graduations; *No Aftercare
- ☺ **June 15th**—Half-day Dismissal; Classroom parties; *No Aftercare
- ☺ **June 16th**—Half-day Dismissal; *No Aftercare
- ☺ **June 17th**—Half-day Dismissal; *No Aftercare; Last day of school



June 2011/Summer Notes

Summer Camp Reminder

St. Joseph of the Palisades Student Council Coordinators, Mrs. Morrell & Mrs. Moschella, are proud to present the 2nd Annual Summer Camp Program. This year, we will be including all new crafts, sports activities, and educational programs.

For students entering 1st—3rd Grade, the Reading Comprehension Program will be offered July 18th - July 22nd (9:00am - 3:00pm).

For students entering 4th—9th Grade, the Summer Camp Program will be offered August 1st—August 19th (9:00am—3:00pm, Monday—Friday).

Registration will be accepted until June 28, 2011. For more information, please call (201) 861-3227!!

Chess Club and Sports Skills

June 6th—10th will be the **LAST** week for Chess Club and Sports Skills.

Spotlight Alumnus: Roger Salazar, Jr.

At this year's Alumni All-Class Reunion, we were able to catch up with some of our former students and see what they were up to now-a-days.

Roger Salazar, Jr., a 2005 graduate of St. Joseph of the Palisades, has been keeping very busy since his elementary school days. After graduating from St. Joe's, Roger went on to High Tech High School, where he graduated in 2009, with a 4.0 GPA. He is currently attending New York University as a Finance Major with a second major in International Business.

Roger was one of thirty students in a class of 650 sophomores selected to participate in the World Studies Track Program, a three year program providing exposure to key global marketplaces of the 21st century: New York, London, Shanghai, and Buenos Aires. "I intend to assess and reflect on international economic linkages and regional

growth differences through a combination of coursework and study abroad experiences," says Roger.

Roger has also done volunteer work for the Stern International Volunteer group. He was



1 of 20 students selected across all of NYU Stern to participate in the international volunteer program in May 2010 in Lima, Peru. Some goals of the program were to broaden students' understanding of the world and its

economic disparities and to deepen students' commitment to community service.

Besides Roger's abroad experiences, he is also the Director of Communications for the Stern Political Economy Exchange, an Elected Cohort Director for the NYU Stern Student Council, Captain of the NYU Intramural Soccer Team, and a member of La Herencia Latina.

Currently, Roger is a Financial Analyst intern at Washington Square Brands Corp. (WSB),

So what are Roger's goals for the future? First thing's first—to graduate in May of 2013! After learning about his admirable experiences and hard work, we know his main goal will be accomplished and we look forward to hearing more about Roger Salazar, Jr. in the very near future!