

St Christopher Alumni Association

Celebrating our past and planning for our future



Alumni Newsletter – Spring, 2010

Welcome to the St. Christopher Alumni Association!

The Alumni Association was founded to promote alumni activities, to help alums keep in touch with each other and with the school, and to promote continued success at St. Christopher School.

Alumni Night at Fiesta 2010

The Sixth Annual Alumni Night at the St. Chris Fiesta will be held on **Friday, July 16th, 2010**. Come on out and enjoy music, food and drink with fellow alumni under the Big Tent.

Alumni Night will be featuring the band “Infinity”, with their high-energy performance of hits from the 70’s, 80’s & 90’s by artists such as Journey, Kansas, Styx, Queen, Foreigner, and Bon Jovi. Check them out at www.infinity2k.com.

At Fiesta, be sure to visit the alumni booth to register for the free alumni raffle. For the latest information about Fiesta 2010 visit the fiesta web site at www.stchrisfiesta.com.

Upcoming Class Reunions

A number of classes are planning class reunions in conjunction with the Spring-Fling 2010 on May 1, 2010. The classes are:

class of 1955 -55 years	class of 1975 -35 years
class of 1960 -50 years	class of 1980 -30 years
class of 1965 -45 years	class of 1985 -25 years
class of 1970 -40 years	class of 1990 -20 years

If you are from one of these classes, we invite you to attend your class reunion! Also, please spread the word about the reunions to your classmates with whom you are in touch. For more information or to find out how you can help out with your reunion, please email info@stchrisalumni.org, or call 708-388-8190.

Spring-Fling 2010 on May 1st

All alumni are invited to the Spring-Fling 2010, to be held on **Saturday, May 1, 2010** at St. Christopher’s. The evening will begin with a reception in the school at 5:00pm for alumni and their families, where alumni can tour the school and visit with former classmates. At 6:00pm, alumni will proceed to their reserved seating in the gym for dinner, dessert, and open bar, in the company of parishioners and school families. After dinner you can enjoy music and dancing.

There will be both a silent and a live auction with something for everyone, including entertainment, sports, theater, vacation packages, family fun, and much more. Also, there will be raffles for Southwest Airlines tickets and for jewelry. All proceeds go to support the school.

The cost is \$24 in advance and \$30 at the door for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Tickets for the Southwest Airline raffle are \$20 each. All tickets can be purchased in advance from the Parish Center, at 4130 W. 147th St, Midlothian, IL 60445.

For more information, please visit the alumni web site at www.stchrisalumni.org, email us at info@stchrisalumni.org, or call the parish center at 708-388-8190.

Also, if you or your place of employment would consider an in-kind donation to the silent auction, please contact us as indicated above.

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Parish News

The popular parish St. Joseph's Table Celebration was held on Sunday, March 14th, from 12pm-4pm in the parish hall. A traditional meal of salad, spaghetti, and pierogi was served along with the famous sweet table. All proceeds from the event went to the St. Vincent DePaul Society, who serves the needy in the area. The St. Vincent DePaul Society is busier than ever, helping to meet the needs of those who need assistance in these difficult economic times. During the Christmas season, they collected and distributed over 170 food bags to needy families.

The St. Christopher Youth Ministry continues to grow and it is providing a wide range of activities for the junior high and high school students of our area. The youth ministry has a "Drop-In" event every other Saturday, where the youth of our parish attend 5:30pm Mass as a group, and then head to the parish youth ministry room for good Christian fellowship. This summer they will be traveling to the Center for Ministry Development in Michigan for a five-day experience of service, hands-on learning activities, prayer, liturgy, and community building. You can follow the activities of the youth ministry at their web site located at www.stchristopherym.com.

Boy Scout Troop 358 held their 28th Annual Fish Fry dinners during lent. On four Fridays in lent, parishioners enjoyed perch, shrimp, spaghetti and other meatless dishes. This fundraiser helps defray the cost of summer camp where they will be celebrating 100 years of scouting.

Late Nite Catechism returned to St. Christopher on February 6th. The evening featured the hit comedy "Til Death Do Us Part", where Sister offered some hilarious lessons on love and marriage, including her own whacky version of *The Newlywed Game*. The evening also featured snacks and several raffles including a TV.

School launches new web site

St. Christopher School launched a new version of their web site this fall. The site features an online homework site that is updated daily, enabling parents to see the homework assignments that are assigned daily. School memos, parent newsletters, school news and pictures from school events are all posted on the site, enabling better communication with our school families. The web site also features a wealth of information for prospective school families considering our school.

The school web site is a great way for alumni to keep in touch with the great things that are happening at St. Chris School! You can visit it at www.stchrisschool.org.



School used in music video

Our school was recently used as the backdrop for a music video. The video was for the song "Dance with Me" by the band "Crete". The video has some great footage of the inside of the school and the school looks terrific.

So if you haven't been in the school in a while, watch the video and take a "virtual tour" of the school. You can watch the video by following the link on the school web site, or by going to www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxWOKhQTAnU

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Calendar of Events

May 1 – Spring-Fling 2010 and Alumni Class reunions

May 28 – 8th Grade Graduation, 7pm

July 11 – Parish Resale & Craft Show

July 14-18 – Parish Fiesta

July 16 – Alumni Night at Fiesta

Nov 14 – Alumni Mass, 9:30 am

For more information, call the parish center (708-388-8190) or visit the alumni website at www.stchrisalumni.org.

Alumni in the News

We extend a hearty “congratulations” to two of our alumni from the class of 1972. These two men became archdiocesan priests 25 years ago and recently celebrated their silver jubilee.

Fr. Martin Marren is pastor at St. Emeric Parish in Country Club Hills. Fr. Marty attended St. Christopher, Quigley South, Niles College, and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary. He has served as associate pastor at St. Germaine, St. Barnabas, and St. Gerald’s, and has also served on the Presbyterial Council and the Association of Chicago Priests’ Coordinating Board

Fr. Michael Enright is currently pastor of Immaculate Conception parish in Chicago. He previously served at St. Marks and St. Agnes of Bohemia, both in Chicago. Fr. Enright is the author of the book *Diary of a Barrio Priest*, published in 2004, which feature his reflections on his ministry.

Congratulations to Fr. Marty and Fr. Michael! We are proud of your service to the Church and you have represented our school well.

Alumni Mass and Breakfast

The 6th Annual Alumni Mass will be held on **Sunday, November 14, 2010** at the 9:30 Mass. After the Mass there will be a reception in Unit D. Watch the alumni web site for the latest info.

Alumni Appeal-Give your year!

April brings the kick-off of the Fourth Annual Alumni Appeal. St. Christopher and other Catholic schools are needed today more than ever; however, the future of our school depends on our ability to stay financially competitive in areas such as salary and technology while keeping tuition affordable. This is not an easy task and is not something that we can do alone.

We ask you to consider assisting us by making a donation in the enclosed envelope. We invite all alumni to “**Give your year.**” For example, if you are from the class of 1969, we ask you to consider a donation of \$19.69 to our school. Even though it may seem like a small amount, when many give, it can make a big difference for a student and family. Of course, donations of larger amounts are always appreciated.

Funds from the Alumni Appeal will be used to help provide financial assistance to families. In these difficult economic times, your donation can help enable families to provide their children a quality Catholic education. Donations are fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

St. Christopher has an 85 year history of excellence and we invite you to be part of the wonderful things going on at our school by participating in the Alumni Appeal. With help from you, we can continue our tradition of excellence in Catholic education.



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School News

Catholic schools week was held the week of Jan. 31st. It featured an appreciation day for school grandparents and senior citizens. The grandparents and seniors attended the weekly all-school Mass, and then toured the school and enjoyed a reception in the parish gym. Family night was held on Feb. 4th, with a school open house, pasta dinner, and family/children's trivia game. Finally, Feb 5th was student appreciation day, with students getting the day off.

The second semester Spanish program has begun, with students in kindergarten, first, second, third and eighth grade receiving weekly Spanish language instruction. For the second semester, the upper grades have weekly music classes. Currently they are preparing for "St. Chris Idol", where they can display their artistic talents and abilities.

Our students took TerraNova standardized achievement tests the week of March 1. These test results are used to provide feedback on our teaching methods and curriculum and to help us improve our educational programs and methodologies. The following week of March 8th, the Student Council sponsored "Spirit Week" for the

school. Monday was Comfy Day, with the students wearing sweat pants or pajama bottoms. Tuesday was Twin Day, where students dressed as a twin with another student. On Wednesday the entire school playing bingo together while on Thursday the students wore mismatched clothes. Friday was "school spirit day", with students wearing St. Chris clothes and accessories.

The "Big Cheer" was held on February 19, 2010. It is held during the 8th grade boys' last home basketball game. The combined cheer squads (4 – 8 grades) performed the half time dance and cheer routine. Many alumni and parents attended this event.



Are you moving? Have your email or phone number changed? Do you have news to share with fellow alumni? Send us your information online at www.stchrisalumni.org or by mailing this form to: St. Chris Alumni Association, 4130 W. 147th St., Midlothian, IL 60445

Name: First _____ Last _____ Last Name as Student _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell/Work Phone _____

Home Email _____ Work Email _____

Graduation Year _____ Willing to Help at Future Alumni Events _____

News/Favorite Memories _____