



# TRANSFIGURATION SCHOOL TIMES

MORE THAN 60 YEARS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND VALUES IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

DECEMBER 2008

## Mrs. Sarles and Mrs. Piedimonte Honored at 2008 Annual Autumn Gala

Each year, the Autumn Gala is a great opportunity for Transfiguration School parents to take the time out of our busy lives and get together. This year we were pleased to honor, and celebrate Mrs. Sarles and Mrs. Piedimonte, on the occasion of their retirement and to recognize their long-term dedication and commitment towards making Transfiguration School the great school it is today.



Mrs. Gloria Agro, Mrs. Rosemary Plunkett and Mrs. Alicia Sarles

Father Lucian, Father James and our principal, Mrs. Woods and assistant principal, Rosemary Plunkett, joined us along with former principal, Mrs. Henshaw. Mrs. Henshaw worked with Mrs. Piedimonte and Mrs. Sarles for many years and had many kind words to say.

Unfortunately, for us, Mrs. Piedimonte was not able to join us for the evening, as she was vacationing and taking full advantage of her retirement. There were many parents, friends and family that gathered, making it a memorable evening.

Mrs. Sarles said, "I will always cherish my tenure at Transfiguration. It was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I will truly miss the daily contact with my friends and co-workers, the children and the unending support of the parents. I treasure the memories, and I look forward to the next adventures in my life. Remember, all that you needed to know you really did learn in Kindergarten. I know I did." On behalf of the students, parents and alumni of Transfiguration School, we wish Mrs. Sarles and Mrs. Piedimonte all the very best of luck for a long and happy retirement.

## Tradition of Community Service Continues

The season of giving never ends for Transfiguration School students. In early October, our 4<sup>th</sup>-grade students and their teacher, Mrs. Susan O'Neill, led a drive to support the Elmsford Animal Shelter. This school-wide collection of items for the Elmsford Animal Shelter pays tribute to St. Francis of Assisi—patron saint of animals and the environment.



Supplies collected for the Elmsford Animal Shelter

Donated items included pet food, blankets, water bowls, leashes, newspapers and litter boxes. This year, the collection was particularly important in light of our unsettled economy and the fact that the shelter is dependent upon contributions. The Elmsford Animal Shelter, in operation since 1931, is the largest no-kill shelter in the tri-state area and, as a non-profit organization operating solely on donations, receives no funding from city or state. The Elmsford Animal Shelter staff were most grateful for all that was given. Thank you, Mrs. O'Neill and to all of our students!

## KEY DATES

CHRISTMAS-TREE & WREATH SALE  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

WINTER WONDERLAND  
STUDENT DANCE  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK  
FAMILY BREAKFAST  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

HERITAGE FOOD DAY &  
PARENT VISITING DAY  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

VALENTINE'S DAY STUDENT DANCE  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

TEACHER AND STAFF  
APPRECIATION LUNCHEON  
THURSDAY, APRIL 23

ANNUAL SPRING BENEFIT  
\$20,000 RAFFLE & AUCTION  
SATURDAY, APRIL 25

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Annual Fund Report  
2007-2008 Donors

This report gives grateful recognition to all those who generously contributed to the Transfiguration School Annual Fund appeal during 2007-2008. To all our supporters, your thoughtful generosity is appreciated by everyone at Transfiguration School. Donors are listed alphabetically in this report.

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2008 Spring Benefit  
and Auction

Each year, the Transfiguration Spring Benefit and Auction is a special, unique and vitally important fundraising event for the school—the “Hooray For Hollywood” Spring Benefit and Auction held in April, 2008, was no exception.

The Parish Hall surged with excitement as Transfiguration celebrated it’s students—our true stars! The evening, complete with live and silent auctions, food, cocktails, in a beautiful surrounding—raised funding for school and student programs. Many items were auctioned off including a NY Mets David Wright jersey (signed by David Wright), VIP Haunted Hayride tickets, Principal for a Day, and Mayor of Tarrytown for a Day.

But like any great event, this success was only made possible by the incredible group of people behind the scenes including our Benefit Chair Trisha Hagstrom, and all the sponsors, donors and volunteers. Thank you, all, for making this event a success. We look forward to seeing you at the 2009 Spring Benefit on Saturday, April 25.



Parent Visiting Day, Jan. 2008



Current school parents, Susan (Walsh) Gullotta ('88) and Norma Boccabella ('88) at the Annual Autumn Gala

2008 Fall Gala Pictures



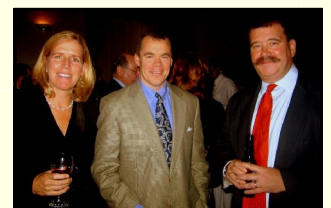
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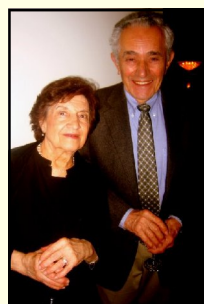
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Mrs. Sarles, Fr. James and Mrs. Henshaw



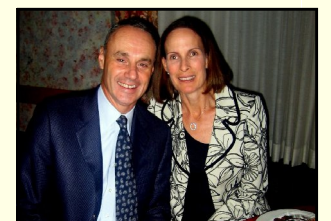
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Jan. 2008 Annual Alumni Basketball Game

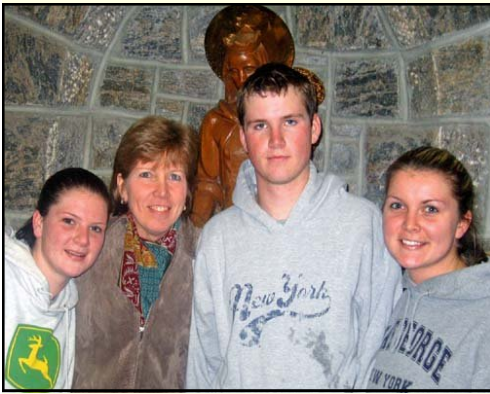
Transfiguration School's Second Annual Alumni Basketball game was played on January 5, 2008 in the school gym. The players, representing graduates from 1963 through 2008, played for an enthusiastic group of families and friends of Transfiguration School. Current school parent, Rob Sullivan bravely served as referee and the ever popular Transfiguration Twirlers provided the entertainment at half-time.



2008 Alumni Basketball Game

Alumni Notes

Congratulations to Alumni Colleen McGlynn ('07), Kelly Tracy ('07), Nicole Robinson ('07) and Jenny Bellas who have continued to play top-notch basketball since graduating from Transfiguration. They are now on the varsity basketball team at The Ursuline School, which competes in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.



The Nee Family

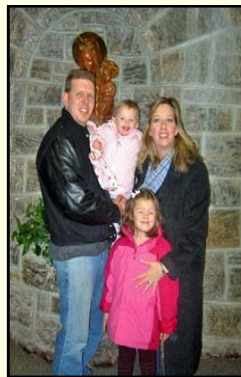
The game was truly a family affair with alumni siblings, Katelyn '97, Meghan '99 and Tommy Nee '04 showing that they are still razor sharp (with proud alumni mom, Noreen and dad, Tom, cheering in the crowd). We had the talented brother-sister pair of John '96 and Katelyn Lauro '01 on the same team. We also had cousins Patrick '04 and Matt Coughlin '06 playing tough. Mike Manfred '01 and Meghan McGinty '06 represented their respective families with style.



Congratulations to Matt Coughlin ('06), Weston Murphy ('06), Chris Borque ('06) and Patrick Eagan ('05) who trained for more than 10 months with Jim Huvane to represent the Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown Horseman Soccer Team in the AYSO National Games held in Hawaii, last summer.

The newest members of the Transfiguration School Alumni Association included players Stephanie Garst '07, Hall '07 and Chris Garcia '07, as well as game photographer, Megan Woods '07. The most senior player was Kevin Plunkett '63 who easily defended his MVP title from last year! Players and alumni enjoyed refreshments and viewed old school memorabilia following the game.

A good time was had by players and spectators alike. Mark your calendars for the upcoming game on January 3, 2009!



The Kearns Family

CJ

Stay in Touch

We want to keep you informed of upcoming events—especially events of interest to alumni. If you have news or photos to share, we would love to receive them. If your alumnus is attending college or has moved, please notify us, so that we can send their mail directly to them. Also, let us know if you are receiving duplicate copies of the Transfiguration School Times. You can send an email to [alumni@transfigurationschool.org](mailto:alumni@transfigurationschool.org) or send a note to: Alumni Association, Transfiguration School, 40 Prospect Avenue, Tarrytown, NY 10591. We look forward to hearing from you!



## Principal's Corner

In November 2007, we launched our first-ever Annual Appeal. Thanks to our alumni and friends, scattered far and wide, who opened their hearts and responded so generously, it was a great success. Once again, I am asking that you support Transfiguration School by contributing to our 2009 Annual Appeal.

There is much good news to report since last year. Most importantly, our enrollment is up, and Transfiguration School continues, as it has for almost 60 years-to be one of the most vibrant Catholic schools in our area. Of course, there have been challenges as well. Under normal circumstances, as many of you are aware, tuition alone does not cover the cost of educating our students. In the past, mandated-services aid from the state of New York, which is provided to us in return for our efforts to comply with certain state requirements, has helped to "close the gap."

However, in response to the current budget crisis in Albany, Governor Patterson has cut this reimbursement, and further reductions loom. Your support is more important, now, than ever before.

I have been truly inspired that so many alumni and friends have demonstrated how much they value the superb academic and spiritual education we provide to our students. With your continued generosity, we will continue to be able to keep tuition affordable for the many families who share your values.

Thank you in advance for supporting us. Your generosity will keep our mission moving forward!

Gratefully,  
Audrey J. Woods, Principal



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