



TRANSFIGURATION SCHOOL TIMES

MORE THAN 50 YEARS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND VALUES IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

WINTER 2007

3RD-ANNUAL GALA A GREAT SUCCESS

More than 100 parishioners, school parents, and faculty gathered at the Westchester Marriott, on November 9, to honor our pastor, Father Lucian Beltzner, on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee of Religious Profession.

It was an evening filled with wonderful food, fellowship, and dancing. Thank you to all the event sponsors and donors for your support as well as to the parents, staff, and community members who made this event happen. We couldn't have done it without you.

A special thank you to the event chair, Trisha Hagstrom, and the rest of the Gala committee who volunteered long hours to make the evening possible. What a great night. We are already looking forward to next year's Gala.



BUILDING FAITH IN EVERY CHILD

Over the years, one of the greatest strengths of Transfiguration School has been the support and dedication of our parent community. The parents at Transfiguration continue to play an essential role in our students' education—supporting the school with gifts of time, treasure, and talent.

The Transfiguration Parents' Guild proudly takes a leadership role in this effort. Last year, the Guild provided \$65,000 in school support. This money was raised through fundraising that included the Fall calendar raffle, the Spring \$20,000 raffle and auction, the wrapping-paper sale, the Scholastic Book fair, and the Christmas-tree and wreath sale.

The Guild provided support for the school's operating budget, as well as paying for a window shade in the gym, a cafeteria door, and a cafeteria countertop. The Guild also funded items on the Teachers' Wish list, including new classroom blackboards, a color laser printer, a multimedia projector, and

science lab equipment.

Throughout the year, there are many ways school families support Transfiguration. Whether it's helping to organize special events such as the Autumn Gala, the Spring \$20,000 raffle and auction, the faculty and staff appreciation luncheon, or the book fair and Christmas-tree sale; or by simply meeting their obligation by participating in our two major fundraisers: the Fall calendar raffle, and the Spring raffle.

Our school is blessed with parents and guardians who are willing to help. These parents bring a broad range of talents and professional skills to the school community. Please visit the volunteering page at the school website for a complete list of volunteer opportunities. You may also contact your class parent.

Attending the regularly scheduled Guild meetings is another good way to get involved.

In a long-held tradition, the Guild is proud to represent the parents and educators who serve our community.

KEY DATES

CHRISTMAS-TREE & WREATH SALE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
DECEMBER 6-9

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK
COMMUNION BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

FACULTY & STAFF
APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
THURSDAY, APRIL 17

SPRING FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, APRIL 19

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
TUESDAY, MARCH 11

SPRING CONCERT
THURSDAY, MAY 22

8TH-GRADE GRADUATION
SATURDAY, JUNE 14

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN
GRADUATION
THURSDAY, JUNE 19

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
FRIDAY, JUNE 20

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JOIN US FOR THE 2ND-ANNUAL ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

Join us in the Transfiguration School gym, for the Annual Alumni Basketball game at 3:00 p.m., on Saturday, January 5, 2008. The game will be followed by a reception for players and spectators. To sign up—or to learn more—please call the school at 914-631-3737, or send an email to alumni@transfigurationschool.org.

FIRST-GRADE STUDENTS REENACT THE FIRST THANKSGIVING



It was a great way to commemorate the roots of the Thanksgiving holiday. The play was followed by a real Thanksgiving feast (including all the trimmings and two 23lb. turkeys!) for the first graders and their families. A great big thank you to Mrs. McVey and Mrs. Elmlinger for such a special day.

FIRST-ANNUAL ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME HELD, MARCH 2007



It was an exciting game, and the final score was a respectable 46-45—with the older alumni taking the prize. Congratulations to MVP Kevin Plunkett ('63). Many thanks to Terry McGlynn for organizing this event and making it a memorable day for all.

SECOND- AND THIRD-GRADE STUDENTS VISIT HISTORIC PHILLIPSBURG MANOR



Students learned about colonial life through activities such as grooming oxen, threshing wheat, picking and carding wool, preparing food, and examining a wide variety of colonial goods. They also learned about the interconnected roles of those who lived and worked within the colonial economic system.

MEMBERS OF TRANSFIGURATION'S GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2292 OFFICIALLY "MOVE UP" TO CADETTE SCOUTS



Troop 2292 began as "Daisies" when they were first graders at Transfiguration School. They are now in seventh grade. In their last year as Junior Scouts, they earned the "I Live My Faith" medal, as well as the Bronze Award—the highest award in Junior Scouting. They were also presented *Honor Troop* status for the fifth year in a row, by the local council, [Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson](#). This designation is given to only five percent of troops across the country—troops that demonstrate the best in Scouting ideals. Well done!

YOU CAN ALWAYS COME HOME!

Visit the school website at www.transfigurationschool.org. In addition to our alumni page, the website provides detailed information about our academic programs and our student life—including our sports teams. Please bookmark our website, and visit us often!

WHERE ARE OUR GRADS?

Recent graduates attend these high schools:

- Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel
- Archbishop Stepinac High School
- Convent of the Sacred Heart
- Dominican Academy
- Fordham Prep
- Hackley School
- Iona Prep
- Maria Regina High School
- Our Lady of Victory Academy
- Regis High School
- School of the Holy Child
- Sleepy Hollow High School
- The Ursuline School

2000-2004 graduates attend these colleges and universities:

- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bucknell University
- Catholic University
- Culinary Institute of America
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- Iona College
- Pratt Institute
- Siena College
- SUNY Albany
- The University of Scranton
- Trinity College
- Tulane University
- Wake Forest University
- Williams College

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: THE ZOLLO FAMILY

If you have been involved with Transfiguration in the last twenty-three years, then you probably know the Zollo family. Doug and Lori Zollo moved to Tarrytown shortly after they were married, more than twenty-three years ago. They quickly became Transfiguration Church parishioners. Because they both attended Catholic schools, and believed in the value of a Catholic-school education, they sent their children, Ann Marie and Tommy, to Transfiguration School.

Ann Marie (21) and Tommy (19), excelled academically, and were actively involved in sports, while attending Transfiguration School. Ann Marie swam for the Badger Swim Team and then the Middies. Tommy was a member of the Transfiguration basketball team, and in his last two years, the Transfiguration baseball team. Yes, the baseball team!

After graduating from Transfiguration, Ann Marie attended The Ursuline School in New Rochelle. She was class Salutatorian in 2005. She is now in her third year at Williams College, and is a member of the college swim team. Her plans for the future include going to graduate school, and becoming a veterinarian.

When Tommy graduated from Transfiguration, he was accepted to Regis High School in Manhattan. During his senior year at Regis, Tommy had the choice of taking elective courses or performing community service. Fortunately for Transfiguration School, he chose community service, and Mrs. Woods was kind enough to give him work as a tutor. Tommy



truly enjoyed working with the students, and gained a new respect for the teaching profession.

At Regis High School, Tommy was a three-year starter on the varsity baseball team. At that time, the team was the most successful baseball team in the Catholic High Schools' Athletic Association (CHSAA). In the Spring of 2007, Tommy was chosen to *The New York Daily News'* CHSAA first team of the top nine players in New York City's Catholic High Schools. Tommy continues to play baseball as a freshman at Harvard University.

The Zollo family has been involved in many school initiatives. In 1996 when plans for the new library were taking shape, Doug was appointed President of the Transfiguration School Building Committee. The Zollos were also generous supporters of the new Library addition.

Lori served as the Parents' Guild Treasurer for several years. The Zollos led the effort to get the church and school involved in the Midnight Run—a program dedicated to feeding the homeless living on the streets of New York City. Their involvement with the Midnight Run (www.midnightrun.org) began when Ann Marie was in kindergarten, and continues each month, with runs into Manhattan. Doug is currently serving as Trustee for the Village of Tarrytown.

Because of all they have done—and continue to do—for our school, parish, and community, Doug, Lori, Ann Marie, and Tommy exemplify the Catholic values and qualities that are at the heart of a Transfiguration School education.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS? 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 more than one copy of *Transfiguration School Times*, so that we can correct that. You can send an email to alumni@transfigurationschool.org or simply complete the form below, and mail it to: Alumni Association, Transfiguration School, 40 Prospect Avenue, Tarrytown, NY 10591. Thank you!

Name: _____ (Maiden name: _____)

Please check one: Alumni (Class of '____) Alumni Parent Other: _____
 Friend of the School Faculty/Staff

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

In this year, my fourth year as principal of Transfiguration School, I continue to be honored to be a part of this wonderful school community—a community that includes hundreds of alumni. In my short tenure here, I have had the privilege of getting to know many graduates. It is inspiring to know that so many of you remain grateful to the teachers and staff of Transfiguration School for the outstanding education you received here.

We are an increasingly large and diverse school community, yet we share the same Catholic educational experience that Transfiguration has provided for more than 50 years. I hope you will support the 2007-2008 Transfiguration School Annual Fund. This is a yearly campaign designed to offset the school's operating budget by raising funds from alumni, alumni parents, and friends of the school. Because tuition alone does not cover the actual cost of educating our students, annual gifts will

be used to support the mission of the school by enhancing Transfiguration School's financial strength.

We rely on your generous support for tuition assistance for families in need, facility maintenance, and on-going academic programs. Your gift—no matter what the size—is needed, and will help provide key funding to sustain the quality of Transfiguration School's academic, faith-filled education. It will also enable us to keep tuition rates affordable for our current student families.

Thank you for your assistance in continuing our tradition of academic excellence in Catholic education by supporting this year's Annual Fund. Please visit our website (www.transfigurationschool.org), for more information or to download an Annual Fund Pledge Form. Your generosity will keep our mission moving forward!

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**Annual Alumni
Basketball Game
Sat., Jan., 5, 2008
3:00 p.m.**