

INSIDE SPELLMAN

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A Message From...The President

Dear Parents and Friends of Spellman,

May is Mary's month – Mary, the mother of Jesus and the mother of all God's people. During these beautiful springtime days we remember and we celebrate the life of a woman who **loved** and **hoped**, who **believed** and **served** beyond all others. Indeed, there is no better example of living faith than that given us by Mary, the model and

exemplar for all of us, no matter what our station in life.



Pictured are Sister Patricia Lynch, Spellman Admission Director; Sister Patricia Andrews, Spellman Class of 1962 and member of Spellman's Board of Trustees; Sister James Frances Powers, CSJ, Spellman's Tuition Manager—at the Legacy Gala held on April 4 at the Lantana in Randolph.

How fitting then, that we also celebrate **Mothers' Day** during this month dedicated to Mary.

Together, let us ask God that we may always find the strength to honor those whom God has given us as mothers. May we remain faithful to them throughout all our lives until death and for all eternity.

Peace ... and Happy Mothers' Day to all our Spellman mothers!

Sequere Deum!

Sister Thomasine Knowlton, CSJ
President

A Message From...The Chairman of the Board

Dear Spellman Community:

On April 4, 2009 the Spellman Community honored the Sisters of St. Joseph for their years of service to the school and appropriately so. These women prefer to remain private, some even anonymous. For them, their years of service to Spellman are simply consistent with their calling to their God. Nevertheless, it is imperative that the Spellman world understand that it has been by their having taken nothing for themselves that a Spellman education has been made available and affordable for thousands of Spellman students. Indeed, for the past 50 years every single Spellman student has received a significant tuition subsidy solely as a direct consequence of the contributions of the Sister of St Joseph. Even today, with very few sisters on the staff, every student's tuition is still subsidized by approximately 10% (and many students receive much more aid) owing to the Sisters' service.

Of course, the spiritual contributions of the Sisters remain the very core of Spellman's culture. "God is in the House" is a very popular saying at Spellman these days. The keepers of this 'house' have been the Sisters of St. Joseph.

We share the sadness of an empty convent, together. And we share the joy of the enormity of their work and accomplishment, together. Spellman and the Sisters of St. Joseph are irredeemably linked.

The sisters have genuinely fulfilled their mission: they have been "Christ's healing presence among us."

For the Board of Trustees,

Barry C. Cosgrove
Chairman

A Message From...The Principal

As we begin the month of May, we place all of our intentions, hopes and needs in Mary's hands during this month dedicated to her. We pray especially for the members of our senior class, the class of 2009, that God will bless them and continue to nurture them with His gifts. Parents of seniors will be receiving a letter indicating events, times etc. We are very grateful to our senior parents for their support and their commitment to Cardinal Spellman during these past four years and we look forward to celebrating the successes of your sons and daughters.

And as always, I encourage you, parents of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors, to contact any of us at Spellman when you have questions or concerns. As always, we appreciate any feedback that you can give us.

Ms. Dorothy Lynch
Principal

A Message From...The Assistant Principal

SENIOR USED BOOK SALES

Juniors who are interested in buying used books from seniors should make private arrangements. If you are unable to do this, seniors who have used books will be available on May 27th at 5:00pm to sell their books to interested students. Varsity Books will also have a representative available to buy back books from seniors who are unable to sell them to juniors.

SENIOR FINAL EXAMS

Exams will begin on Thursday May 14th and continue through Tuesday May 19th. Seniors must be in school at 7:45 for exams unless they have been exempted. Each day, graduation practice will take place from 10:55am to approximately 12:30pm. **Seniors MUST be present for graduation practice each day.**

SOPHOMORES – CLASS TRIP – WHALE WATCH

The sophomore class trip will be Friday May 22nd. We will be going on a whale watch from Capt. John Boats in Plymouth, MA. Students will be receiving an information packet with final cost and details during the first week in May.

JUNIOR / SENIOR CLASS ELECTIONS

Class elections will be held later in the month of May. Students will receive information in homeroom if they are interested in running for class office.

Ms. Susan Davis
Assistant Principal

Religious Studies and Campus Ministry

A powerful “**Dramatic Presentation of the Paschal Mystery**” was performed by members of the Liturgy Arts Ministry and other seniors on Thursday, April 16th for the school community. This Easter program combined elements of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ interpreted within the context of contemporary culture and issues. It was a very moving experience for all.

Two welcoming retreats for new ministers for next year were held at the school on the evening of April 16th from 6:30 to 9:30pm. Prayer Posse 2009 welcomed members of Prayer Posse (A) 2010 and Outreach 2009 welcomed members of Outreach 2010. Activities included prayer, presentation of ministry crosses and t-shirts, and refreshments. The other new ministry groups will hold similar welcoming retreat evenings either in May or in September.

The monthly meeting of the Parent Prayer Group was held on Tuesday, April 28th at 7:00pm in Room #104. It was nice to pray together with old members and welcome some new members. The last meeting for the school year will be held in May. Please check the calendar for the date.

Marissa Grenon won second place prize in the Pro-life Oratory contest sponsored by Massachusetts Citizens for Life. Her passionate presentation addressed the issue of stem cell research. Congratulations Marissa!

It is with great pleasure that Massachusetts Citizens for Life announces the winners of its 2009 Pro-Life Oratory Scholarship Contest.

First Place was awarded to Joseph Giallombardo from Trivium School In Lancaster. Joseph is a junior, and spoke on embryonic stem cell research.

Second Place was awarded to Marissa Grennon, from Cardinal Spellman High School in Brockton. Marissa is a junior and also spoke on embryonic stem cell research.

Third Place was awarded to Anastasia Flaherty from Notre Dame Academy in Hingham. Anastasia is a senior and spoke about the value of the unborn child.

These students all did wonderful jobs of expressing the value of human life at every stage of its development. MCFL is proud to have had the pleasure of meeting and hearing such wonderful pro-life speakers. We hope that these fine young men and women will join us on our Young Adult Speakers Bureau. If you would like to have someone from our speakers bureau speak to your student body please contact us at: MassStudentsforLife@masscitizensforlife.org. Thank you. --Priscilla Keough



The last school Mass of the year will be held on Tuesday, May 5th with Fr. Oscar Pratt as the celebrant. Those students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this year will be recognized by way of their name being written on a peace dove and displayed as part of the Holy Spirit banner.

Baccalaureate Mass is being held on Tuesday evening, May 20th. The celebrant will be Fr. Oscar Pratt.

Pictured are the top three winners of the Pro-Life Oratory Scholarship Contest: Marissa Grennon, Joseph Giallombardo, Anastasia Flaherty

Guidance

Seniors

We commend and congratulate the members of the Class of 2009 who are now reaping the rewards of the hard work of both themselves and their teachers over the last four years. So many of our seniors have been accepted and received scholarships to some of the most prestigious and competitive colleges in the country. Please remember to notify in writing the college of your choice of your decision by May 1. Also, as a courtesy, please send a note to those colleges you will not be attending informing them of your decision.

Juniors

On Tuesday, April 14, at 7:00pm in the Cardinal Spellman High School Auditorium, the Guidance Department hosted "College Information Night", for the members of the Junior class and their parents. Thanks to Brian Murphy, Stonehill College and Steve Kesman, U MA Dartmouth for all their helpful comments and advice.

The Guidance staff continues to meet with juniors to continue their college exploration on our Naviance Program.

Juniors and their parents are also encouraged to visit colleges of interest over the summer. You should call or check the school's website for details of tours and

information sessions. Juniors were each given a flier in April with more details about this important activity. Toward the end of May, the counselors will meet with the junior class as a group to explain the teacher recommendation process and handout questionnaires to be filled out and returned before the end of the school year.

Sophomores and Freshmen

The guidance staff has met with the sophomores and freshmen to discuss their academic progress and their programs of study for next year. Please remember that the counselors are available by phone or e-mail if you wish to contact them concerning these matters. Prior to the end of the school year, counselors will go to computer classes to introduce the sophomores to the college search program, Naviance.

Advancement Happenings

Our Legacy Gala & Auction was an overwhelming success with over 400 people in attendance. The highlight of the night of the establishment of the Sisters of St. Joseph



Scholarship. Special thanks are extended to everyone who made this spectacular evening happen, especially Elizabeth-Foster Nolan, Committee chair, and Jim Wells, auctioneer.

Seated, left to right: Sr. Alvernara Murphy, CSJ retired Spellman Guidance Director and Sr. Susan Reilly, CSJ Spellman's Class of 1963; Standing, left to right: Dorothy Lynch, Principal, Mrs. Douglas, mother of Gail Douglas; Sr. Thomasine Knowlton, CSJ, President; Gail Douglas, Spellman Dean of Students and Sr. James Frances, CSJ, Spellman Tuition Manager.

Golf Classic: June 22, 2009

A reminder that the annual Cardinal Spellman High School Golf Classic will be held on Monday, June 22nd at **LeBaron Hills Country Club in Lakeville**. The player fees are \$160 per person and a foursome for \$640.

The day begins with registration, the driving range and lunch. The shotgun start is 11:30 am and the day ends with the chip-off, dinner and awards. Sponsors are welcome. You can register online at www.spellmanalumni.com/2009GC or call the Advancement Office at 508 584-3004. Registrations are due by May 15.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Golf Tournament. Please contact Susan Ashton at 508-504-3004 or email her at sashton@spellman.pvt.k12.ma.us.

Join us for a day of sun, fun and competition! Once again, all proceeds from the tournament will benefit Spellman's athletic programs!

Drama

Rehearsals for our Anniversary Spring Show began on Thursday April 16th and are well underway. The shows will take place in June. Stay tuned!

HELP WANTED WITH COSTUMES

All volunteers are welcome! If you don't sew, help out with ironing, props, etc. Feel free to show up during any rehearsal and lend a hand.

Our costume director is Mrs. Kathy Sklut.

Sports

Spring sports at Spellman are underway, and our teams are off to a great start. The varsity softball team has a win/loss record of 4/1 thus far, and our varsity baseball team has a 2/3 win/loss ratio to date.

Our boys' track and girls' track teams each have two wins and no losses at this point, and our tennis team has a 2/2 record. Congratulations to all our athletes for their hard work, and thanks to our fans for their steady support.

--Mike Gerrish
Athletic Director

Parent Connection

The last Parent Connection Meeting for the school year will be held on Wednesday, May 6th at 7:00pm. This meeting will include a prayer service led by Deacon Joe Nickley.

As the school year ends, we will begin planning our meetings for next year. We welcome any suggestions for meeting topics. Please email Laureen with any ideas that you may have.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 SAT Test
3	4 AP French Exam PM	5 School Liturgy 9:30am Senior class Mtg. 11am followed by senior dismissal for the afternoon	6 AP Calculus Exam AM Parent Connection Prayer Service 7pm	7 AP English Exam AM	8 AP U.S. History Exam AM deadline for June ACT registration	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13 Senior class Mtg. & dismissal 11:00 AP Eng. Lang. AM AP Art History Exam PM Teacher Interims 3pm	14 Senior Exams Graduation Practice begins 10:55	15 Senior Exams Graduation practice begins 10:55	16
17	18 Senior Exams Graduation Practice begins @ 10:55	19 Senior Exam 7:45am All Senior due in homeroms @ 9:15 Graduation Practice	20 Senior Prom @ Venezia's Grand March 6pm	21 Ascension Thursday No sessions	22 Whale Watch Sophomore Class Senior Grades due 3pm	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26 Senior Verifications due 3pm Senior Baccalaureate Mass & Awards 6pm	27 Student Council 7:35am Used book sale for Juniors 5pm Yearbook Signing Social Seniors 6-8pm	28 Graduation 6pm	29 Professional Day No sessions for students	30
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