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Collaboration & Cooperation: The Keys to Success

Whether you have a school of 35 students or a school of 350 students, it “takes a village” to ensure its programs meet the needs of its students. Since June, many local companies, corporations, individual volunteers, and religious groups have come forward to provide much needed work on the school’s physical plant and other infrastructure. Let us begin ...

La Salle College High School

Our School Office, Faculty Work Room, and Counselor’s Office received office furniture from La Salle’s Guidance Department. Our Science Lab was enhanced with lab tables and other scientific equipment from LSCHS’ Physics Lab.



The Football Team sponsored a fundraiser that provided us with much needed supplies for the classroom.

Gillespie Group

Working since May of 2008 the Gillespie Group’s Michael Gillespie, Jr. and Josh Smith have created an interactive web site highlighting the many facets of our school operations.

Check out the inaugural launch in mid to late October!

Dolan Mechanical

Jim Dolan and his crew finished connecting the HVAC system to our office suites. This was the second of three phases in creating an office space for the President, Principal, and School Counselor.

We are looking for a contractor to help with phase three upgrades: expanded electrical service to these offices.



IBM

Thomas Vitt, our longtime volunteer IT coordinator, sought IBM to provide us with Lotus Foundations, a comprehensive software package to enhance productivity and IT support on our school network.

IBM through Grubb & Ellis has also provided us with much of the computer furniture for our computer lab and lab stations throughout the building.

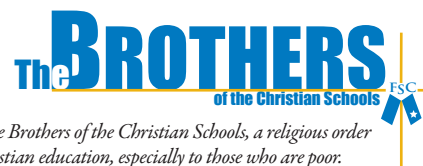
Top:
Joe installs new ductwork in the Board Room.

Center:
*(standing) Br. Joe, Sam, Mike, Pat, and Steve
(kneeling) Matt, George, and Kevin*

*Mrs. Patricia DiGiacomo and
Mrs. Mary Feleccia are taking the picture.*

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THE SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL of Camden is conducted under the auspices of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, a religious order of men in the Catholic Church dedicated to providing a human and Christian education, especially to those who are poor.



A Message from the President



Br. Joseph Juliano, FSC

The success and sustainability of THE SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL of Camden is built upon the unwaivering support of our individual and corporate donors, foundations, board of directors, faculty, and our cadre of volunteers. Without their concerted efforts, educating the 35 young men entrusted to our care would not be a reality.

This issue, titled “Collaboration & Cooperation: The Keys to Success,” is all about building, sustaining, and deepening the relationships critical to providing our boys with the best education. Our deepest gratitude to all who have given of time, talent, and treasure to THE SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL of Camden.

With a new school year is the promise of a fresh start and the foundation of year-long goals toward academic excellence. In this spirit, we welcome 13 new students. This is an auspicious year since it marks twelve years of educating the young men of Camden. We are doing things a bit differently this year in terms of our daily academic program—our students are now on a rotating schedule. Much like high school, students will receive instruction from teachers who are experts in their content area.

I am pleased to welcome Mrs. Karen Greene (Social Studies, 6th & 8th grade Religion) and Mr. Joseph Convery (Mathematics and 7th grade Religion) to our full-time faculty as well as Ms. Corina Sanfino, our part-time music teacher. Ms. Connie Hernandez (LV), Ms. Alina Rivas (LV), and Mr. Conor Senecal (Jv) join our faculty from the Lasallian Volunteer and Jesuit Volunteer programs. A warm welcome is also extended to Mr. Robert Spires who joins our Board of Directors. Pictures and biographies of all faculty, staff, and Board members can be found on www.sanmiguelcamden.org. SM

Wish List:

Potential Collaboration & Cooperation

THE SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL has benefited from this popular form of specific giving. Supporting our mission with these items enhances and increases student learning. Please review our latest list and give Brother Joseph a call at 856.342.6707, ext. 202 or president@sanmiguelcamden.org if you are interested in supporting a specific item:

- Performing Arts Program - \$25,000
- Electrical upgrades to offices and exterior lighting - \$6,000
- Exterior signage - \$3,000
- Science Room equipment - \$2,000
- Computer speaker sound system (4) - \$1,800
- Physical Education DVDs - \$375

We Pray for:

- Carmen Acevedo, our School Administrative Assistant, who married Miguel Rubert at Holy Name Church in May. God's blessings!
- Mrs. Margaret Schmitt, a Board of Director, as she continues her ongoing cancer treatment and convalescence.
- Raymond Froehlich, father of Br. Timothy Froehlich, passed away in August.

2008-2009

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Br. Robert Kinzler, FSC, *chair*
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- Mr. Edward Maher
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- Mrs. Margaret Schmitt
- Mr. Robert Spires

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MISSION STATEMENT

THE SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL is an independent Catholic Lasallian Middle School for young men of families in Camden whose educational needs will be met regardless of their financial status. As a Gospel-centered school, the dignity and giftedness of each student is recognized and nurtured within a supportive community of staff and parents. Its programs provide the necessary academic, spiritual and social skills needed to be successful learners and responsible citizens.

ACCREDITATION

THE SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL of Camden is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Elementary Schools.

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Knights of Columbus, Council #3784

For the second summer in a row, the Knights, under the watchful eyes of Steve O'Reilly and Mike Gizara renovated our third floor bathrooms and provided a fresh coat of paint to our third floor classrooms.

Americorps Volunteers

Thank you to Valerie Frick and the Camden Children's Garden for sharing their Americorps volunteers with us for two weekends. Brittany, Amanda, and Heather spent two weekends in October assisting with the ongoing maintenance of our building by painting and cleaning of the windows in the School Office suite.



L3 Communications

L3 Communications provided much needed shelving for our School Office and Science Room.

Maria Manfre, a summer intern at L3 Communications organized a book bag drive—a timely addition since our boys are now moving from class to class.

Brandywine Nurseries

Jamie Jamison makes the trek north from Wilmington, DE to ensure our playing fields are mowed and trimmed on a bi-weekly basis.

Swisco

From replacing screens to providing regular maintenance of our exterior windows, Paul Pallas and his employees provide us with top-notch service.



Top:
Mrs. Rubert enjoys her new digs.

Above:
6th graders Donnell, Josh, Juan, Andrew, Pedro, and Jeremiah receive their book bags on the first day of school.

Far Left:
Brittany, Amanda, and Heather take a break from chores.

10th Annual Golf Outing: A Picture Perfect Day

It was a picture perfect day on Monday, August 4th as forty golfers scrambled onto Ramblewood's links for the 10th Annual Golf Outing. As in the past, the outing's proceeds provide tuition assistance as well as support our summer enrichment program. Some of our recent class of 2008 alumni Kevin, Giovanni, Deric, and Elliott assisted in hosting the day's event.

To help limber up for the scramble, Mellow Massage Therapists availed themselves during registration. John Kennedy Ford provided the various hole-in-one prizes. A debt of gratitude goes to Jim & Pat Amatrudi and Michael Mahon, our chairs for their untiring efforts in organizing this annual event. *SM*



Top:
The Mahon Clan: John, Joe Jr., Michael, Joe Sr.

Above:
James Dolan, Steve Agozzino, and Michael Ferrara

Far Left:
John B. McConnell, John McConnell, Michael Connery, and Gerard McCabe

Left:
Kevin '08 on the practice putting green.

The Future is Now: Meet Our New Students



JUAN

The Future: Baseball Player
Favorite Subject: Language Arts
Favorite Food: Rice & Beans
What Others have to say:
Juan is good at fixing bikes.



JEREMIAH

The Future: NJ State Police
Favorite Subject: Science
Favorite Food: Pizza
What Others have to say:
Jeremiah is honest.



DONNELL

The Future: Basketball Star
Favorite Subject: math
Favorite Foods: BBQ Chicken
What Others have to say:
Donnell is funny and smart.



JOSHUA

The Future: Computer Technician
Favorite Subject: math
Favorite Foods: Pizza
What Others have to say:
Joshua is smart and talented.



PEDRO

The Future: Doctor or Fireman
Favorite Subject: math
Favorite Foods: Pepperoni Pizza
What Others have to say:
Pedro is very generous.



ANDREW

The Future: Football Player
Favorite Subject: math
Favorite Foods: Italian Hoagies
What Others have to say:
Andrew is a good guy and a great QB.



LUIS

The Future: Baseball Player
Favorite Subject: math
Favorite Foods: Cheeseburger
What Others have to say:
Luis is funny and helpful.

The Future is Now: Meet Our New Students



JOSEPH

The Future: Navy SEAL
Favorite Subject: Science
Favorite Food: Skittles
What Others have to say:
Joseph has your back!

The Future: Basketball Player
Favorite Subject: Science
Favorite Food: Pizza
What Others have to say:
Jovanny is athletic and intelligent.



JOVANNY



WILMER

The Future: Police Officer
Favorite Subject: Science
Favorite Foods: Pepperoni Pizza
What Others have to say:
Wilmer is talkative and funny.

The Future: Movie Critic
Favorite Subject: Math
Favorite Foods: Burgers & Fries
What Others have to say:
Javier is like a big brother to us.



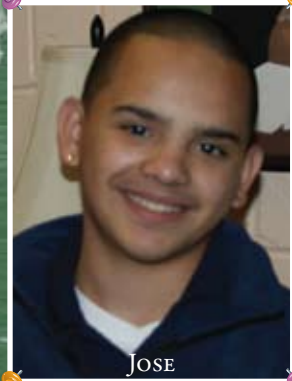
JAVIER



LUIS

The Future: Phillies Baseball Player
Favorite Subject: Math
Favorite Foods: Pepperoni Pizza
What Others have to say:
Luis is very athletic.

The Future: Teacher
Favorite Subject: Science
Favorite Foods: Pizza
What Others have to say:
Jose is good in basketball.



JOSE

"The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving."

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

*We invite you to sponsor one of our new students for the school year.
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"Committed to Being the Best:"

THE SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL of Camden

2008 Summer Enrichment Program

Campbell Soup Company

The Campbell Foundation has a storied history in Camden by generously supporting local schools, non-profits, and other agencies. Campbell Foundation has financially supported our summer enrichment program for the past six years.

On Monday, June 23rd, the Summer School faculty welcomed back our 22 seventh and eighth graders and offered a warm welcome to 9 sixth graders and 5 seventh graders. The summer enrichment program as in years past, offers math and reading reinforcement in the morning and cultural/social activities ranging from bowling and roller skating to nature walks at Palmyra Cove and art lessons at West Philadelphia Catholic High School in the afternoon. Wednesdays are a typical excursion day with trips to the Brothers' Retreat House in Ocean City, NJ or tubing down the Delaware River.

Kudos to Mrs. Kathleen Wooten, summer principal; Br. Len Rhoades, Br. Michael Miller, Ms. Kathryn Hills, Ms. Annabel Gallo, and Mr. Patrick Leonard for an exciting summer program. *SM*



Summer 2008

Our Honor Roll of Donors - July & August 2008

SAN MIGUEL CLUB

\$5,000 to \$9,999

XBA Bike-a-thon

DE LA SALLE CLUB

\$1,000 to \$4,999

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La Salle College High School
L3 Communications
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10TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

GOLD SPONSORSHIP

La Salle University
Mellow Massage Therapy Center

SILVER SPONSORSHIP

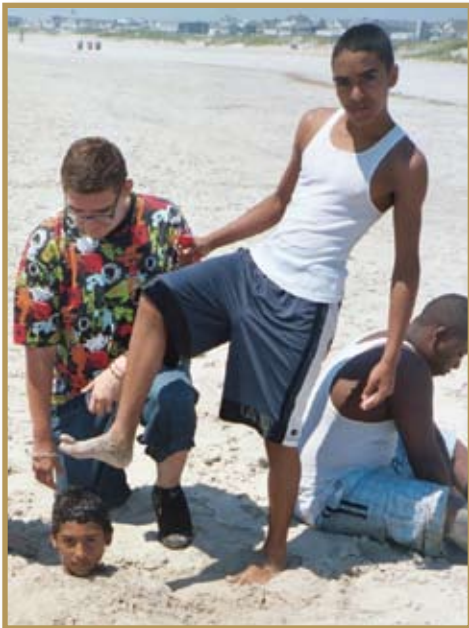
UFCW Local 152 Benefit Funds

BRONZE SPONSORSHIP

Dolan Mechanical, Inc.

Paul & Dorothy Clark
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John Kennedy Ford & Mazda
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William & Gaile Pohlhaus
Linda Romer
Mauro Sanchirico
John & Margaret Schmitt
Cathy Verron



Eighth graders Alexander and Miguel finish burying Jamie in Ocean City, NJ. Burying Jamie has come to be a San Miguel tradition.

To their right is Dennis who is completing a sand castle.

Thank You for your Support!

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Central Catholic High School - Pittsburgh, PA

CCHS students have an 80-year tradition of raising awareness and funds during their Lenten Mission Drive. This year's Mission Drive raised monies to help our school purchase a much needed van and a digital phone system.

Right:

Kevin, Joshua, Rafael, Shabad, Danial, and Deric pose in front of the new white van purchased with the Domenica Foundation grant.



Right:

Members of Central Catholic's Lasallian Youth pose with some of our students as they check out the new van.

Pictured left to right is (standing) Br. Joe, Miguel, Colin, Xavier, Joe, Orlando, Corey, and Michael (sitting).



Domenica Foundation

Pepe Piperno, President of the Domenica Foundation, continues to support Camden's Catholic schools. The Foundation provided a grant to purchase a van for our myriad activities.

Our Magnanimous Volunteers - July & August 2008

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Steve Jackson
Mr. Thomas Vitt

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA STUDENTS

Andrew Barr
Bridget Barrett
Hannah Dow
Stella Han
Matthew Stengel

10TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

James & Pat Amatrudi
Mari Anzick
Mary Burke
Dennis Block
Michael Carlson
Elliot Colón '08
Kevin Cooper, Jr. '08
Giovanni Figueroa '08
David Kuhn
Michael Mahon
Deric Monroig '08

We are looking for volunteers to share their time, talent, and treasure during the 2008-2009 academic year in the following areas:

- lunch program
- library
- student tutoring
- light maintenance

If you have a few hours to give, please consider sharing your time with us!

Please contact Br. Joseph Juliano at 856.342.6707, ext. 202 or president@sanmiguelcamden.org for details.

PAUL VI HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

Kirstie A. Espiritu
Aileen Gallagher
Sarah Gettings
Jessica Urie

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

VOLUNTEERS

Michael Gizara
James Henderson
Steve Janiks
Steve O'Reilly
David Otero
Paul Reigert



Thank you to Brother Edward Hofmann, Director of Ocean Rest Retreat House, for hosting our students on Wednesdays during the Summer Enrichment Program.

Sixth graders Juan and Pedro enjoy an ice cream novelty on the front porch of Ocean Rest.

Thank You for your Support!



A vital sign of Catholic education in Camden

No matter how we say it, we have 35 good reasons to say "Thank You" for your continued support.
Our mission would not be a reality without you!

Zulu
Mqiyakana
Apache
Ghe edn

Swahili
Asante, Asante sana

Navajo
Aahééé
Norwegian
Take

Italian
Grazie
German
Danke

French
Merci
Spanish
¡Gracias!

Hawaiian
Makaloa makaloa mi