

SANT BANI School Notes



July/August

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Sant Bani School Notes is published monthly during the school year to share news of the school community. The School Notes are edited by Arlene Taranow with contributions from staff and friends, and with help from the Parent Committee. The Parent Committee supports the school through fund raising and by serving as a sounding board for parent concerns. Meetings are held monthly during the school year; all are welcome to attend.

August 16

Parent Work Day

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Alumni Soccer Game at 3PM

August 18

Field Hockey and HS Soccer
Pre-Season Practice Begins

August 18-August 22

Sant Bani Summer Program

August 27

High School Orientation at 1:30PM

August 27

New Parent Meeting at 7PM

September 2-3

7th & 8th Grade Camping Trip

September 4-5

5th & 6th Grade Camping Trip

September 4

K-4 and 9-12 begin school

September 11

No School - Sant Ajaib Singh's Birthday

September 17

Parent Committee Meeting at 6PM

September 18

Sant Bani Chamber Music Concert Series

September 26

All-School Mountain Climb

A Successful Celebration!

— The Parent Committee

Wow, what a night!! A warm, summer evening, under the same tent that saw 16 new additions to the rolls of Sant Bani alumni, delectable Chinese food, great entertainment and an exciting auction with dozens of high bidders heading home with their new prized possessions. In addition to providing a wonderful experience to more than 170 alumni, parents, students, board members, administration, staff and faculty, \$10,000 was added to the coffers of the Sant Bani School scholarship fund. Thanks to all who contributed and participated and a huge, special thanks to the Xiao family (chefs extraordinaire) and John and Linda Shelly (our auction gurus).

The parent committee again celebrates another successful school year and plays an ever increasingly important role in its contribution to your child's education. In addition to supporting new parents with the adjustment to Sant Bani life, acting as a liaison between parents and the administration and coordinating all the fundraising efforts there is the added responsibility that we all share... in thinking a little bit "outside the box" so that our school will adapt to a changing world. I ask of you, in these hazy, lazy days of summer, to consider your role this coming school year. Opportunities in leadership and participation are abundant and rewarding. Keep in mind, it is our children's education at stake and if there is an answer to the world's current dilemma, what better way to find it than to educate our children. Have a great summer.

Parent Work Day

August 16

Check your summer mailing for more information or call Sam Conkling at
Sant Bani at 934-4240

Science Awards

Sant Bani School Science Department Chair, Robert Schongalla, recently honored seniors Leslie Mayo-Smith of Franklin, Ethan Lawrence of Sanbornton, and Max Hardcastle of Sanbornton, and juniors Carissa Anderson of Sanbornton and Nate Houran of Laconia for their outstanding work within the field of science. Veteran science teacher Robert has been teaching students about ecology, the environment, and modeling environmental concern for over thirty years.

Each year Robert recognizes students who have shown a continued interest in and sincere desire to learn about science. This year's recipients each received a science book, which Robert felt would further their interest in science. Leslie and Max have both attended Sant Bani School for thirteen years, each arriving in kindergarten. Leslie is now preparing to graduate and continue her education at the University of New Hampshire next fall and Max will be attending Hampshire College. Ethan began attending Sant Bani School in first grade and will attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the fall.

Scholar Athletic Award

Leslie Mayo-Smith, a graduating Sant Bani School senior who is headed off to UNH in the fall, was honored by Sant Bani School for her hard work throughout her high school years. Leslie achieved high honor roll grades throughout her four years and has participated in many athletic arenas. She is a field hockey and basketball player, cross-country runner and track team member. She has played field hockey and basketball throughout high school, captaining each team in her senior year. In cross-country running, which she also captained as a senior, Leslie has been selected for the New Hampshire All-Star Team in her junior and senior years. She competed in the state meet for two years, placing 9th in Class M&S, and 2nd in class S. Sant Bani School's Athletic Director, Maya Hardcastle, presented Leslie with a plaque at the school's Awards Ceremony.

Scholar athletes are recognized for their consistent excellent academic performance as well as their continued athlete participation and improvement throughout all four years of high school.

Awards Ceremony Synopsis:

Science Award- 12th grade to Leslie Mayo-Smith Max Hardcastle and Ethan Lawrence, 11th grade to Carissa Anderson and Nate Houran.

English Awards- the Smith College Book Award (in memory of Nancy Dow) to Carissa Anderson, and the Middlebury College Award to Nate Houran; **Senior English Awards** to Sam Gonzalez and Chelsea Sanders.

State Math Meet- certificates to Tajian deMello-Folsom, David Brown and Leah Peters for Algebra 1, and to Max Hardcastle and Nate Houran for Recreational Math; to Nick Lockwood for being high scorer in 5 meets; and the team was awarded for coming in 2nd in state for small schools.

Athletic Award- to Leslie Mayo-Smith.

Foreign Language Award- to Carissa Anderson.

Congratulations Graduates!

Zachary Baron, son of Pat and Kevin Baron of Hebron, NH, will be attending Wentworth Institute in Boston, MA.

Siera Beaupre, daughter of David Beaupre of Northfield, NH, and Tanjia Beaupre of Laconia, NH, plans to attend New Hampshire Technical Institute: Concord's Community College in Concord, NH.

Prachawit "Lew" Boondej, son of Prasatpon and Aueporn Boondej of Chiang Mai, Thailand will be attending the University of Maine in Farmington, ME.

Dalton DeCecco, son of Normenta Jacquith of Alexandria, NH, and John DeCecco of Cranston, RI, will be attending New England College in Henniker, NH.

Sam González, son of Meg Petersen of Plymouth, NH, and Carlos González of Manchester, NH, will attend Macalester College in St. Paul, MN, after spending a year in the Dominican Republic.

Max Hardcastle, son of Maya and Ken Hardcastle of Sanbornton, NH, will be attending Hampshire College in Amherst, MA.

Haylee Harper, daughter of Paula Harper of Canterbury, NH, will be attending Rivier College in Nashua, NH.

Julia Kelley-Vail, daughter of Janet Kelley-Vail and Franz Vail of Sanbornton, NH, will be attending Clark University in Worcester, MA.

Ethan Lawrence, son of Johanne and Andy Lawrence of Sanbornton, NH, will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, MA.

Lianna Lee, daughter of Suzanne and Terry Lee of Laconia, NH, will be attending Mt. Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA.

Leslie Mayo-Smith, daughter of Janet and Michael Mayo-Smith of Franklin, NH, will be attending the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH.

Mili Restrepo, daughter of Hernan Restrepo and Luz Naar of Calgary, Canada, has been accepted at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, NH.

Chelsea Sanders, daughter of Jill Flanagan of Laconia, NH, and John Sanders of Las Vegas, NV, plans to attend Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, MA.

Zhanar Seitmagzimova, daughter of Altay and Galina Seitmagzimova of Shymkent, Kazakhstan has returned to her native Kazakhstan.

Karianne Shelley, daughter of Linda and John Shelley of Laconia, NH, will be attending California State University: Humboldt in Arcata, CA.

Ernest Tabiri, son of Ernest and Faustine Kyere of Kumasi, Ghana will be attending Colby-Sawyer College in New London, NH.

English Awards

Each year the English department of the Sant Bani School presents awards to students in the junior and senior class for excellence in English. Zhanar Seitmagzimova received an award for excellence in English as a second language in late May before leaving for her home in Kazakhstan. On June 5th Sam Gonzalez and Chelsea Sanders received English awards. In

addition to Sant Bani's English awards, Karen Bicknell, head of the English department, presented Nathaniel Houran with the Middlebury Book Award. Carissa Anderson received the Smith College Book Award, a tradition begun by former Sant Bani parent and board member, Nancy Dow, and given now in her memory.

Sant Bani School

Summer Program

SANT BANI SHREDDERS

—*Sam Conkling*

The Sant Bani School 2nd Annual Summer Program is being offered during the week of August 18th – 22nd for students entering grades 5-8. The registration deadline has been extended to August 15th. We have half and full day workshops starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. The workshops include film, gardening, lego robotics, creative writing, number theory, ceramics, physical science, CPR and first aid, mountain biking, felt work, soccer and the sport of unicycling. The workshops are being led by current staff and alumni. Many students who are not from Sant Bani have signed up to be a part of this one week program to enjoy the workshops and learn more about our school. We need more students to register in order for every workshop to run. If you are curious about the summer offerings or know of any friends, family or neighbors who might be interested please have them go to www.santbani.org to print the brochure or we can mail brochures out to you and your friends. If you have any questions please contact Heidi Freeman at heidi@santbani.org 677-3978 or Rose Marie Marinace at rosemarie@santbani.org 934-4240 ext. 131.

For the second year in a row the spring Skateboarding Club skateboarded and rollerbladed at the awesome Meredith Skateboard Park. Nineteen little shredders from grades 1-5 traveled to the Meredith Skate Park on Friday afternoons to grind, power slide, ollie, and generally improve their skateboarding skills and have a ton of fun in the process. Everyone in the club enthusiastically encouraged each other to learn new tricks and work on their skills, and all enjoyed the many ramps, rails, half pipe and other features at the park. Meredith Parks and Recreation generously allowed us to use their amazing park facilities by opening up earlier than usual and by providing a helpful attendant, as well as music and a just a couple of band aids.

If you haven't had the opportunity to see the amazing skills and tricks people are doing on their boards, bikes, and rollerblades, check out a park near you this summer. Meredith is free and open to the public everyday from noon to 8 PM all summer. There are other free parks in Laconia, Belmont, Concord, Andover and elsewhere. If the kid in you or the kid(s) in your house want to get into it, support your local skateboard shop instead of the big box stores for equipment that really works and will last a long time.

Earn Cash for Our School with Box Tops!

Sant Bani is now collecting Box Tops 4 Education!

Clip Box Tops – find Box Tops on your favorite products. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents to our school!

Send Box Tops to school with your child. There is a collection box in the main entrance. Twice a year, Box Tops will send our school a check worth 10 cents for each Box Top redeemed, up to \$20,000!

Do you shop online? Start every online shopping trip at the Box Tops for Education Marketplace. Our school receives a donation of up to 8% from your qualifying purchase at no additional cost to you. Sign up for free with Box Tops online at www.boxtops4education.com. Click on “sign up now” in the upper right hand corner. The Marketplace includes a list of quality stores like JCPenney, 1-800-Flowers.com, Lands' End, Sears, Staples and much much more! View the entire list at BoxTops4Education.com.

Be sure to tell family and friends!

If you have any questions, please contact JoAnne Bousquet or Marian Sawicki. You can reach JoAnne at 934-7457, or email jbousquet@hughes.net or contact Marian Sawicki at 536-2864, or email mariansawicki@earthlink.net.

Spring Sports Review

—Maya Hardcastle

At Sant Bani, Track and Field is the spring sport! This year we had 19 JH and 25 HS awesome athletes. For the first time in a long time, the teams started the season training together and stayed linked for most of the season. The season started out cold and snowy but that did not stop them: they ran through snow, over ice, slogged through slush, then the mud and in mid to late April solid ground – good old dirt! Many track meets were canceled due to tracks all over the state still buried under snow or water and the JH season was extended 17 days to allow that group to have more than 2 weeks of competition. There were many personal records set each week and several school records broken. Cullen Robinson (8th grade) holds the title of JH State champion in Triple Jump. David Brown (Junior) is the state champion in the 1600m run. All of the athletes and their coaches, Scott Clark (HS), Jamie Clark and Maya Hardcastle (JH) had fun, learned a lot and were happy to be part of this happy family.

The celebratory Sports Banquet was held jointly on June 2. Both teams and their families enjoyed a wonderful buffet supplied by the families (thank you) and then sat down to hear highlights of the season and wonderful things about each student/athlete from their coaches. It was a wonderful time and we hope that next year we have even more participation.

Gift Cards Work Just Like Cash!

Help support

*The Sant Bani School Scholarship Fund
while you shop for groceries!*

Shaw's Gift Cards are available at Roxanne's desk during school hours. For more information or to make special arrangements for purchasing/picking up your Shaw's Gift Cards contact Arlene Taranow at arlene@santbani.org. Gift cards are sold in \$50 increments.

Shaw's gives 5% to Sant Bani per gift card.

Why not purchase a few gift cards at a time?

It's an easy and convenient way to support Sant Bani!

Summer Help Needed

—Sam Conkling

If you have carpentry, painting, landscaping or some other trade skills, we need your help at school this summer. There is a lot of work that needs to happen during July and August, and we can't do it alone. If you have tools and equipment and a little time it would be a big help. Also, Family Work Day will be on Saturday, August 16 this year. If you can't make that date, or prefer to come in earlier, please call me and I will put you to work.

It's not too late!

**Fall Sports sign ups are in
August/September.
Consider being part of a team!**

Options are :
HS and JH Cross Country Running,
Soccer and Field Hockey
Check the summer mailing for
specific dates.

Sant Bani will participate in the *Hannaford Helps Schools Program*

again this year!

When you shop at Hannafords, you will receive
school dollars.

These will be distributed from
Friday, August 19 through Friday, December 12, 2008
and can be dropped off at the Bristol Hannaford box
or sent to school and given to the front office.
A percentage of collected *school dollars* will directly
support Sant Bani School!

Beach Day

—Becky Beane

Every year as the school year is drawing to a close and last minute fieldtrips, finals, quizzes, and graduation plans seem to overwhelm even the most seasoned teachers, an afternoon is set aside to get away from all the school work and spend an afternoon at the beach altogether.

Events that combined the entire student body are nothing new at Sant Bani School. Kindergarteners through twelfth graders, 175 in all, frequently have opportunities to work and play together. Team activities, all-school hikes, art blocks, all-school “capture the flag” games, and this week’s yearly “Beach Day” are some of the ways Sant Bani reinforces students working as a multi-aged group by helping, guiding, and caring for one another.

Although the forecast called for cloudy skies and the temperatures hovered around 60 degrees, this did not deter this excited group of students and faculty from sharing one last all-school event together as they packed their sunscreen, sand chairs, and bathing suits and headed off to Ellacoya State Beach for one last afternoon of fun. For the seniors who would be graduating the following week, this was their final beach day together. For those seniors who joined Sant Bani School in kindergarten, it was their thirteenth beach day. As they played their final game of Frisbee, helped a first grader spread his towel out, or made sure a fourth grader had sunscreen on, seniors could look back over their years spent at Sant Bani School with many fond memories which they can take with them as they venture off to college next fall where they more than likely will not have a required day at the beach.

Book Discussion Group

—Arlene Taranow

A book discussion group is forming at Sant Bani. Our goal would be to meet every 6 weeks for discussion. If this idea appeals to you, please email me by **July 15**. This book discussion group is open to Sant Bani parents and other adults in area communities. At our first meeting, we would discuss which books we will choose to read for the year, setting our goal to experience a variety of genre. This is a great opportunity to read and discuss new books and authors in an informal setting. No experience necessary!

Welcome to New Students from Afar!

—Susan Dymant

We will again host several students from around the world. Each year Sant Bani is enriched by the cross-cultural pollination that these wonderful international students provide. This year will be no exception. We will welcome students from China, Ecuador, Switzerland, Indonesia, Slovakia and Taiwan. In addition, a young woman from Colorado has been accepted to join with the eleventh graders.

If you are planning any recreational activities during the summer that might help get these new students connected with their classmates, please call Susan Dymant who will help link you up. Are you planning a birthday party, a beach trip or outing to the movies? There will be students joining 10, 11 and 12th grades, so please help think of ways to engage these newest classmates.

If you would like to plunge into a full hosting responsibility and have a student join your family, the senior from Ecuador is looking for a vegetarian home in the area. It could be a rewarding experience and help a deserving young man.

Feeling Left Out of the Loop???

Join the Listserv!!!

*If you're not getting exciting informative emails
with late-breaking Sant Bani news, sign up today!*

Send a message to
SantBaniSchool-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
and you'll be automatically added.

International Students Speak to 6th Grade Class Throughout the School Year

—Beth Robinson

“Having the international students come in to speak to the geography class was good; we learned a lot.” “It was so interesting to have the international students in to speak to us about their countries.” These are some of the comments 6th grade students had when reflecting on their experiences in geography this year. Listening to Sant Bani international students from Germany, Ghana, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, Japan, Colombia, South Korea and Thailand was a really positive experience for the class. The students were asked to address topics such as their country’s physical features, religion, family, education, economy, language, recreation, government, and clothing. Frequent use of the pull down maps in the classroom assisted the students in their presentations.

Desi spoke about Indonesia. She told us about how she prays five times a day, which is part of the Islamic daily ritual. 85% of the people practice Islam.

Lew spoke about Thailand, which used to be called Siam. 94% of the people practice Buddhism and 5% of the people practice Islam. The people have big water fights from April 13-15 during the New Year Celebration. It is normal to have 60 student-classes in Thai schools.

Millie spoke about Colombia during our studies of Latin America. Most people in Colombia are Roman Catholics. They celebrate the Night of the Candles with sparklers. Their biggest exports are coffee and fruit. The students learn to speak Spanish and English in school.

Katharina spoke about Koln, Germany, where she lives. Koln is an old city. There are 9 neighboring countries around Germany.

Zhanar spoke about Kazakhstan, her home country.

Its citizens are made up of 55% Kazakhs and 25-30% Russians. Kazakhstan used to be part of Russia. Zhanar told us about the Aral Sea which is a disappearing lake, very windy and it leaves behind salt.

Shiori, our teacher intern from Japan, spoke about her country. We learned about language, businesses and how rice is an important part of the diet.

Don (Dong-ho Choi) spoke about South Korea, its attractions, relations with North Korea and history with the Soviet Union and the U.S. He explained the way of determining age in South Korea. He is 17 by Korean standards and 16 by American standards. Korean teens can drive at age 20 as opposed to age 16 here in the U.S. We also learned about the Taebak Mountains in the north-eastern part of S. Korea.

Ernest talked about Ghana’s location on the west coast of Africa. We learned that Ghana is a democratic country and the people elect their President through popular vote. He said Ghana is one of the few countries in Africa which has not gone through large scale civil war, but there is some conflict between ethnic groups occasionally. Ernest went to a two year international school and applied to go abroad through the Youth for Understanding organization.

The sixth graders learned a lot from the international students, who were very willing to take the time to come and present information about their countries. They are a wonderful group of students and we felt very fortunate to have them attending Sant Bani School, where we could get to know them and learn about their countries.

Returns Needed

Please look through your bookshelves at home for library books needing to be returned.

There are still many overdue library books and magazines.

Please return all overdue books and magazines by *July 15*.