



The Michaelight (March 2012)

Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association (SMAAA)

"Round his flag we'll rally ever. Nothing can our union sever."



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Saint Michael Academy Mission Statement

Rooted in the Catholic tradition and Spirit of the Presentation Sisters, the mission of Saint Michael Academy was to educate young women in a loving and caring community, assisting each to develop her unique gifts and talents to live a fully Christian life.

New York Times Article

After more than a century on the West Side of Manhattan, St. Michael Academy had assumed the traits of some of its best students: cash poor, underestimated by peers,

REUNION 2012

SAVE THE DATE FOR REUNION 2012

If you graduated from SMA in a year ending in a "2" or a "7", this is your reunion year!

Reunion 2012 will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2012. A more formal invitation will appear in this newsletter when the venue has been set. It is safe to say, however, that the location will be somewhere in Manhattan.

So, put **SMA REUNION** in big, bold, red letters on your calendar now. And stay tuned for updates!

Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting of Dues-Paying Members

SMAAA will hold its first annual meeting to elect directors and to transact any other business that is properly presented to the meeting. The date has not been finalized, but probably will be some

capable of defying expectations with breathtaking regularity...[\(read more\)](#)

SMAAA Board of Directors

Jeanne Boyd Billings '74
(Secretary - Association and Charitable Foundation)

Blanca Camacho '74
(VP - Association)

Sharon Duritzo '72

Mary Krulis '49

Jessica Libroia '87
(VP - Charitable Foundation)

Mary O'Hara '62
(VP - Charitable Foundation)

Genevieve O'Hare '47

Maria Pani '74
(Treasurer - Association and Charitable Foundation)

Lorraine Pogan Shef '64
(President - Association and Charitable Foundation)

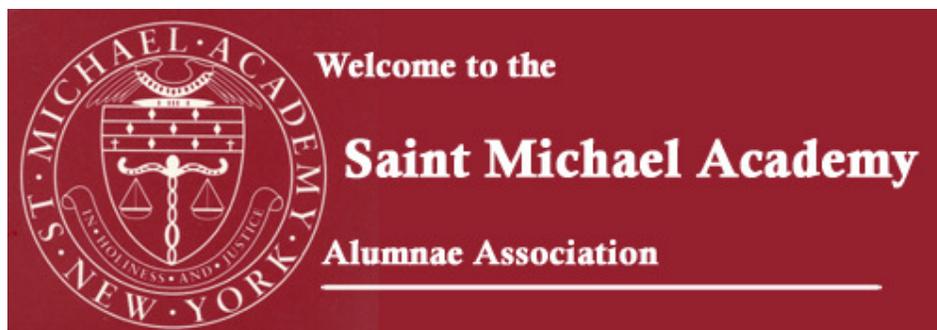
Patti Wu '70

time in May. You will receive notice at least twenty (20) days before the meeting with detailed instructions on how to vote if you choose not to attend. Each of the current directors has agreed to be a nominee for re-election. Four will be elected for 3 year terms and three each will be elected for 2 and 1 year terms. Please note that only members who paid their dues in 2011 or 2012 are entitled to vote.

What Are You Up To???

What are you up to these days? We'd love to know. Send us pictures, write a blurb or (if you are too modest) tell us of a website that we can link to that fills us in on where you work and/or what you're doing. Are you on YouTube???. Let us know that too. C'mon! Let's have some fun with this! Write to us at SMAAANYC@aol.com.

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Visit us at www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com and let the good times roll! Make sure to register, so that you can begin to connect with your classmates. Read past newsletters and keep current with all of the SMAAA news.

We find ourselves when we find each other.
Come find yourself at www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com.

Nazareth to close

Nazareth High School is closing. The school where most of SMA's championship basketball team and its coach, the late Apache Paschall, relocated after the



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closure of SMA will be closing its doors at the end of this school year.



[Nazareth's Closing: One More Very Bad Thing in a Good Season for Elite Girls Basketball Program](#) (Forbes)

[In Season of Loss, Nazareth's Girls Keep Winning](#) (New York Times)

Let Us Help YOU!



Planning a gathering with your classmates? Email us the details at SMAAANYC@aol.com and we will help you get the word out. We are here to help you with your efforts to connect, but we can't do that if you don't keep us in the loop!

Get the Word Out!

Use the icons at the top of this newsletter to post to your facebook page, and please *encourage your friends to join our mailing list*. (Don't forget to add SMAAANYC@aol.com to your address book!)



Passings



SMA basketball coach Robert (Apache) Paschall died suddenly on January 3, 2012 at the age of 38.

SMA faculty member John McEvilly died unexpectedly on February 28, 2012.

Genevieve "Genny" O'Hare (Class of 1972), daughter of SMAAA Director Genevieve O'Hare (Class of 1947), died peacefully on March 4, 2012 after a long illness.

Sister Esther Byrne P.B.V.M, (Sister Mary Gerard), Michaelite (Class of '45) and teacher at Saint Michael's, was called home to the Lord on Monday, March 12.

Letters, Letters, We Get Letters

So many of you have included such lovely and encouraging notes to us along with your dues payments that, from time to time, we would like to share some of them with the alumnae.



Here is one from Joanne Burns, Class of 1960...

"...My class year (1960) had their reunion (as you know) this past October 8th - it was wonderful to see members of my class and recollect our years at SMA. I don't think our memories of SMA will ever die! The alumnae association has an enormous task ahead, but big things happen by taking small steps. I hope the Alumnae Association continues to expand..."

Carol (Berger) Gust, Class of 1962, wrote us this nice note...

"I am excited to have the opportunity to attend my 50th anniversary at SMA. I have so many wonderful and happy memories of my time at St. Michael's Academy. It will also be so much fun to see my classmates."

Thank you, Joanne and Carol. And thanks to everyone who is supporting us emotionally, spiritually and financially during these early stages of our development. It is truly a labor of love.

Support the Presentation Sisters

Might We Suggest...

that those of you who would like to ensure the legacy of Saint Michael Academy do so by giving a donation to the Presentation Sisters. Please send your contribution directly to the Sisters' motherhouse, and note in the memo line that it is an SMA Donation:



Sisters of the Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Administration Office
84 Presentation Way
New Windsor, NY 12553-4949

Archived Newsletters

Are you new to "The Michaelight"? If you are interested in reading past editions, please visit our website

(www.saintmichaelacademy.com), click on "Newsletters" and catch up on what you've missed! While you're there, please register. By doing that, you can start to connect with your classmates. "See" you there!

2012 Annual Dues

Happy New Year!

We appreciate your support! We are keeping this year's dues at a reasonable \$25. Because snail mailings are so expensive, we are communicating with the alumnae almost exclusively through this emailed newsletter. At the moment, we are sending this publication to approximately 1,160 people. We have an average "open rate" of 45%, which means that only 522 of the SMA alumnae are aware of our existence! We need your help to do better than that.

Please make out your check for \$25 (or more?) payable to "SMAAAA", and mail it to Jeanne Billings (SMAAAA), 6 Greenacres Avenue, Scarsdale, NY10583. **Be sure to include your updated contact information - name, maiden name, address, email address, phone number, year of graduation -** and please encourage your classmates to do the same. (*Hand in hand we'll work together!*)

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