



The Michaelight (October 2011)

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, capable of defying expectations with

REUNION 2011



Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association

cordially invites

ALL SMA ALUMNAE

to

REUNION 2011

Saturday, October 8, 2011

1:00 - 5:00 PM

Cathedral High School

350 East 56th St.

New York, NY

Please join us for a hot buffet luncheon complete with open bar serving wine, beer and soda

If you have already RSVP'd by email, but have not yet sent in your check, please do so ASAP!

Please make your \$65/pp check payable to "SMAAA" and send (together with your contact information and class year) to:

Sharon Dunitz-Spocinski
3451 Colony Drive
Baldwin Harbor, NY 11510

All tickets purchased at the door are \$75.

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regularity...([read more](#))

For more information, email SMAAANYC@aol.com

*Physical tickets will not be issued. Your name will be held at the door.

Payments are non-refundable

SMAAA Board of Directors

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Why Cathedral?

It has come to our attention that a few alumnae have questioned our selection of Cathedral High School for our first SMAAA reunion. Because we were determined not to let a second year go by without a reunion, our task was especially difficult. Our decision was based on location, cost, availability and, most important, the fact that this is the school where most of our displaced Michaelites are enrolled. Our hope was to bring the party to them, so they will see that they are, and will ever be, Michaelites. We sincerely hope that you will join us on October 8th to once again celebrate the bond that exists among us, and to prove to the youngest in our ranks that no brick building can define what it means to be a Michaelite.



SaintMichaelAcademy.com



Join Our Mailing List



It's official...our website is up and running!

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.

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!

Tax Information

Contributions made (including any dues paid) to the Saint Michael Academy

News from the Class of 1973

Alumnae Association, Inc. are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

Quay Houchen writes...

"I continue to sing and have been involved with an international women's a capella group for many years. I have attached a few clips from my quartet (I sing bass). Hope you enjoy. Quay"

[Listen to selections from Capitaland Chorus](#)

[The Capital Chorus website](#)



Update Your Contact Info

Our outreach efforts can only be as good as our contact information, which is outdated. In order to be a successful entity, our alumnae association needs to have the correct contact information for all of us. Please send your full name (maiden and married), address, phone number, email address and year of graduation (or, in the case of the displaced Michaelites, the year they *would have* graduated from SMA) to SMAAANYC@aol.com. We will not share your information with, or sell your information to, anyone.



(Please know that our definition of an SMA alum is anyone who ever attended, or was on staff at, Saint Michael Academy. Sisters, brothers, teachers, administrative staff...we invite you all to join our mailing list by clicking on the "Join Our Mailing List" link to the left.)

Send Us Your Pictures

**Going to the reunion on October 8th?
Don't forget to send us your pictures!**



If you take any pictures of your friends at the reunion, please send them to us (in .jpg format) at SMAAANYC@aol.com and look for them in the November edition of *The Michaelight*. Make sure to tell us the names of the "girls" in the pictures. Now say, "Cheese!"

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!)



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

Annual Dues

If you have already paid your 2011 annual dues to the SMAAA, Thank You! We appreciate your support! We have set this year's dues at a reasonable \$25, just to cover our start-up costs (which are mounting quickly!!!) At the moment, we are emailing this publication to just over 1,000 people. We have an "open rate" of approximately 40%, which means that only 400 of the 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 "SMAAA", and mail it to Jeanne Billings (SMAAA), 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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