

# The Michaelight (September 2011)

## Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association (SMAAA)

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



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## RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 15!



**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

### 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

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

\*Reservations: \$65 per person  
(Members of the Classes of  
2011, 2012 and 2013 only: \$35 per person)  
Guests of all alumnae are \$65 per person  
All tickets purchased at the door will be \$75

**RSVP by September 15, 2011**

students: cash poor,  
underestimated by peers,  
capable of defying  
expectations with  
breathtaking  
regularity...([read more](#))

Please make your check payable to "SMAAA" and send  
(together with your contact information and class year) to:  
Sharon Duritzo-Spocinski  
3451 Colony Drive  
Baldwin Harbor, NY 11510

For more information, email [SMAAANYC@aol.com](mailto: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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(Secretary - Association and Charitable  
Foundation)

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Foundation)

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## Join Our Mailing List

**Tax Information**  
Contributions made  
(including any dues

## Be An Angel



In order to make it more affordable to attend the October reunion for those alumnae who will not get the opportunity to graduate from Saint Michael Academy (namely, the Classes of 2011, 2012 and 2013), the SMAAA has discounted their tickets by \$30. In order to cover our costs, we are putting out a call for SMA "Angels" to subsidize one (or more) of these girls.

Won't you "Be An Angel" and send an additional check for \$30, \$60, \$90 or more to:

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

Make your check payable to "SMAAA" with "Angel" in the memo line. It will do your heart good!

## 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.



## Photographer Wanted

Are you a "shutterbug" who is planning on attending the reunion on October 8th?



The SMAAA is looking for a photographer alum who is ready, willing and able to take class pictures at the reunion and offer them up for sale to those interested in purchasing

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them.

If you are interested, please contact us at [SMAAANYC@aol.com](mailto:SMAAANYC@aol.com) and we will be in touch.

Now say "CHEEEEESE"...

## SaintMicaelAcademy.com



It's official...our website is up and running!  
 Visit us at [www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com](http://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](http://www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com).

## 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](mailto: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.)*

## News from the Class of 1959

I, Sister Geraldine Mikulec, class of 1959, have moved from Arizona to Pennsylvania. My new ministry is helping care for our elderly and infirm sisters at our Motherhouse.

## News from the Class of 1963

Just read Marie Maggio Connelly's news that she has a condo in Lauderdale by the Sea. Want her to know that I am living with my husband in Boca Raton, a short distance away. Maybe, we can get together sometime. I think that there are some other former Michaelites in the area also. Get in touch.

Marie Camuti Russo

## News from the Class of 1964

In addition to Taylor 8 years, Brody 5 years, Raquel 3 ½ years, on December 3, 2010 our family was blessed with twins - Kathleen Leah and Thomas Lee. Needless to say the entire family is over the moon.

Joan M. Cino Wasserman

## Offer of Employment Assistance

**Patricia Pryor Bonica cpc**

President

Pryor Personnel Agency Inc. dba

Pryor Associates

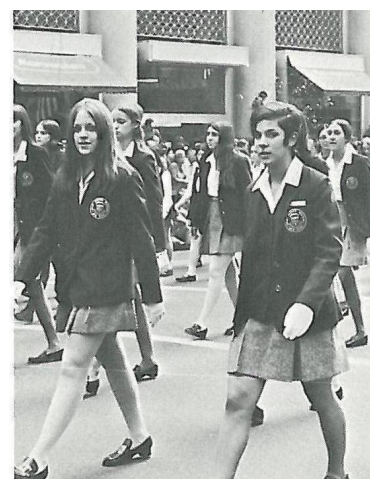
(516) 935-0100 ext.312

[www.ppryor.com](http://www.ppryor.com)

*Please feel free to have any of the graduates call me for assistance in any way I can help.*

## Columbus Day Parade Update

Unfortunately, we have hit an insurance "glitch" with regard to the Columbus Day Parade, and we will not be able to march this year. We are hoping to resolve this issue so that we may be able to march in 2012 behind an SMAAA banner. Sorry, gang. We'll keep you posted!



## Get the Word Out!

Forward, facebook, twitter, do whatever it takes to get the word out





about the SMAAA! Please forward this to your class email groups. Use the icons at the top of this newsletter to post onto your facebook page and encourage your friends to join our mailing list. And don't forget to add



[SMAAANYC@aol.com](mailto:SMAAANYC@aol.com) to your address book. Get on your marks, get set... *TWEET, TWEET!*

## 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

### *Whassup???*

OK, we've said our piece, for the moment. Now it's *your* turn to tell us what's going on in *your* life...with *your* family...with *your* classmates. Or just send us some of your pictures (.jpg format, please) from when you went to SMA, so that we can all have some fun with that!

Email the news (and any pix that go with it) to [SMAAANYC@aol.com](mailto:SMAAANYC@aol.com). Include your name and year of your graduation. Look for it in our next issue.

### **SMA Alumnae Association**

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### *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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