

*Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends,*

*Welcome to the 2023-2024 social year. Hope everyone is doing well and staying safe.*

### **Graduates**

Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2023. We welcome to our alumni – Keyara Barnes, Destiny Carbonell, Maria Guarino, Melissa Hughes, Nate Matos, Matthew Rodgers, Dylan Shields, Leah Smith.

### **Dances**

The dance season kicks off with a dance on October 20! The dates for the remaining dances are November 17, January 19, February 16, March 22 and April 19. Admission is \$10.00 which helps cover the cost of the DJ, pizza, snacks, refreshments and paper products.

Parent volunteers are greatly appreciated to help set up refreshments and chaperone our great dancers. Please call Barbara Saunders (610-246-3621; barbaragsaunders1@gmail.com) or Flossie Snyder (215-990-6251; LSRPS@aol.com) with any questions or to sign up as a chaperone for one or more of the dances. Dances start at 7 and end at 10 pm. Please note that there is no dance in December. We are in need of volunteers to be present at the end of the dance to wrap things up. The only requirements are to be present by 9:30, make sure all the dancers are picked up and lock two doors. That's it! A big thank you to Matt McKeon's mom, dad and grandmother who closed the dances last year in addition to making a contribution to keep the dances going!

In the event a dance needs to be cancelled because of bad weather or other school emergency, notice will be placed on the SKDS website on the afternoon of the dance. Dance dates and information are also listed under "Alumni" on the website. Please check [stkatherineschool.org](http://stkatherineschool.org) for cancellation notice.

### **Alumni News**

Congratulations to Vincent DellaPolla, Class of 2000, on starting his 23<sup>rd</sup> year as an employee of the Haverford School District. Vincent is a loyal and conscientious employee who works in Food Service at the Middle School. Way to go Vincent! And by the way Vincent is someone we can always count on to attend the alumni dances!

Jimmy Black, Class of 2015, attends the Career Independent Living & Learning Studies Program at East Stroudsburg University and will graduate in 2024. Jimmy has really enjoyed this program – the great classes, the wonderful friends he made, and the football and basketball activities. Jimmy also participates in two internships, one at Lehigh Valley Hospital and one at a local nursing home. Congratulations to Jimmy on being selected to give the welcoming speech to the incoming first year students and families at orientation.

Congratulations to Leah Smith, Class of 2023, on her position at Villa St. Joseph's as a dietary aide, a position she held after school last year and has continued after graduation. Good Luck Leah.

The alumni were invited back to the Prom in May 2023 after a several year hiatus due to covid and those who attended couldn't be more excited. The Under the Boardwalk theme was fun and everyone had a wonderful time.

Thank you to family and friends of Colleen Bruton, former SKDS student, who passed away in 2017. They again made a donation to help keep our Alumni Association and the Dances going by sharing the proceeds from the annual fundraiser in Colleen's memory - Colydol's Day at the Beach.

### **In Memoriam**

A very touching memorial mass was celebrated on November 18, 2022 at the Wynnewood campus in memory of those who passed away over the past several years – students and alumni John Dukes, Steve Palomino, Antonio Mangini, Michael LaPera, Colleen Bruton, (another younger girl?) – former Principal Lisa Cetroni, past parent board president, Peggy Malone, teacher assistant Kim Williams, and school secretary Maria Falcone.

The family of Antonio Mangini, who passed away in 2019, donated a beautiful Altar to the Wynnewood campus which was made out of Antonio's bed. Altar linens are also being donated. Antonio was a long-time beloved student at the Wynnewood campus.

### **SKDS News**

Best wishes to Rebecca Greenwich who is now Principal of SKDS. Mrs. Greenwich is a former teacher at both the Wynnewood and Radnor campuses. We wish her well in her new position and we look forward to working with her.

Congratulations to Maria Morgan, very long time teacher at both the Wynnewood and Radnor campuses, who retired this year. Many of our alumni will remember Mrs. Morgan as a caring and supportive teacher. Best wishes on your retirement Maria! You will be missed.

High school teacher, Rosemary Faris, has published a wish list on Amazon.com with items needed for the high school's life skills program. Search Rosemary Faris on Facebook and you will see the link to Amazon. Amazon and Instacart gift cards are most appreciated.

Looking ahead to Spring 2024, the prom will be held in May. Stay tuned for the date!

### **Dues**

Alumni dues will remain at **\$5.00** which covers mailing expenses, memorial donations, remembrances, etc. Please make checks payable to Flossie Snyder and mail to 2323 Perot St., Philadelphia, PA 19130. Thank you.

**Please include a current phone number and email address.**

We are always interested in news you have to share or information you think may be of interest to others, especially social events for our alumni. Just email, call or send the information to Flossie Snyder at any time.

Please feel free to contact me with comments, questions or suggestions. 215.990.6251 Email: LSRPS@aol.com

*Sincerely,  
Flossie Snyder*