

AROUND THE PROVINCE



HOLY NAME PROVINCE

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REMINDER

Don't forget to send your Christmas Greeting as soon as they are ready.

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Sabbath and Education Requests

"In Jesus we share concern for one another and help one another to become mature Christian women. Yet each of us takes first responsibility for her own growth, realizing that it is possible only through the Spirit."

Constitutions, Chapter III, #30

It is that time of year when we begin to consider
Sabbath or Education Requests
for our next fiscal year, 2019-2020.

Many of our sisters have enjoyed
spiritually enriching programs and courses over the
years!

If you are considering a personal enrichment program
or course, contact Sister Jolene Ellis
at Stella Niagara, ext. 9765# or

jellis@stellaosf.org for an application form.

Attitude of Gratitude

Faithful Creator,

You are the source and resource of all purposed and created life.

In an attitude of gratitude I accept your forgiveness and grace to forgive myself.

I accept your encouragement to learn what it means to be authentically human and make peace with my own humanity, so that I can accept the sacredness of other beings.

With thanksgiving, I accept the spiritual, ethical, and moral responsibility for my own inner healing and joy.

I embrace the mystery of healthy loving relationships as I learn to be an agent of *change, reason, and tenderness* upon the earth, that is an outpouring of your love for all life.

I accept your help so that I may learn to live honorably in covenant community, lifting my voice in care over criticism.

Adei-Mai Morningstar Grenpastures



From the Office of Advancement... Barbara Johnson, Director

We should do this all year long, but November seems to be the month we set aside to give thanks for our blessings. Here are some notes I've received throughout the year:

I am eternally grateful for the Sisters of St. Francis who guided my early adulthood. I would not have had the amazing career I've enjoyed without their loving encouragement.
Heather McDonnell

I came to Stella in my junior year. This experience made such a difference in my life and I treasure the memories every day. Thank you, Jacqueline Stroh

My heartfelt gratitude and thanks for your guidance, especially for me at St. Ann's Grammar School and Bishop McMahan High School. God bless you and much love!
Joan Schneider

In thanksgiving for the mission of the order, the prayers of all, the friendship of some and for the blessed walls and halls of Stella Niagara. Gerald Wild



Stella Niagara Education Park Update

by Amy Reynolds, Director of Institutional Advancement

Even though it's been a rainy fall in Western New York, the students at Stella Niagara have been outside nearly every day taking advantage of our beautiful campus!

At the beginning of October, all of our classes teamed up with their prayer partners and picked apples in the orchards on campus. Afterwards, they brought the apples into their classrooms for classroom lessons as well as to make applesauce. The students also harvested the pumpkins that were grown in the student garden. These are also being used in the classrooms for lessons including math, science and art!

Our 3rd grade class spent time down at the Stella Niagara Preserve observing nature. Prior to visiting the Preserve, the students read One Day in the Woods about a girl who spends the day outside learning about the secrets of the forest and its inhabitants. Ms. Edwards, our Outdoor Education teacher, asked our students to use their skills to look and listen for the secrets of the Preserve. Niagara University students accompanied the students and helped them with their findings.

Our 8th Grade Class went on a field trip to Mutual Riverfront Park to participate in the "Day in the Life of the Buffalo River" project. Students participated in a citizen science project focused on determining the water quality of the Buffalo River. Our students will continue their studies by walking down to the Stella Niagara Preserve and doing a similar study of the Niagara River.

SNEP has continued a recycling project we began last year with our 5th grade students and have extended it to the entire student body. All of our students collected plastic shopping bags their families used throughout the month of October. We found that our students used 3,146

bags. On October 31st we distributed reusable shopping bags to all families and are asking that they use these bags whenever they go shopping.



Families are tracking how many times they use the reusable bag. SNEP is proud to be Rethinking Plastic Bags!

Activities at Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart

~Sr. Mara Walton

Second quarter of the academic year began with the production of the musical, *Once on This Island*. The weekend of November 10 saw the auditorium stage turn into a town in Haiti that had been destroyed by a hurricane. This is a little different from the Broadway musical set but the story of the Caribbean people and their struggle between rich and poor remains the same. As the gods intervene, the challenge is between love and death and the fast, joy filled music added much to the production.



The fall athletic teams completed their seasons with the volleyball team reaching the finals to be defeated by St. Mary's in Lancaster. Two members were named to the First team All Catholic. Cross country came in second in the league while the swim team won the league with many of the students beating their own records in the finals. Three swimmers will be going on to State competition later this month. Winter sports teams consist of Bowling, Basketball, Ice Hockey and Cheerleading competition. Schedules for all of these competitions can always be found on the SHA web site.

The Christus Super Omnia Distinguished Alumna award is given to women who have distinguished themselves in their careers and or civic community and exemplify the spirit and tradition of the Academy. This year the awards dinner was held at the Admiral room of the Marin in downtown Buffalo. Awardees were Jennifer Walters'78, Patricia Haberman'80 and Jennifer Korzen O'Toole '95. The Franciscan Charism award is also presented to members of SHA's extended family who have given unselfishly of their time and talents to further the mission. This year's recipient is Anne Spasiano who for over 30 years taught French at SHA and served as moderator of the Student Council. Buffalo Promise Neighborhood is an organization that made possible by the M&T Foundation and its community, has empowered schools, students and families to succeed together. Through many community programs and schools they support parents and children in reaching their goals together. Buffalo Promise Neighborhood will be receiving the Living the Spirit award. Again information about these recipients can be found on the SHA web site, www.sacredheartacademy.org.

The holiday seasons again will be an opportunity for faculty and students to reach out to others in the community who are less fortunate. Each year the "Seasons of the Spirit" drive and the Jesse tree are opportunities are an important activity sponsored by the National Honor Society. This along with the annual party for families of children with Down's Syndrome make our spirits bright!

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Associate Irene McHugh's email has changed to therainbowsend52@twc.com

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NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Sisters and Associates, Many thanks for your prayerful support for our family as we mourn the death of our brother, Francis. He was a special gift to all who knew him.

Gratefully, Sister Christa Blersch