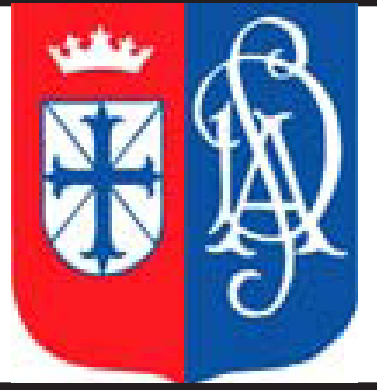


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Meet St. Dom's New Executive Board

By: Catherine Policastro '12

With the beginning of every academic year comes a new Student Council Executive Board. Following the recent elections for the 2011-2012 school year, *The Trumpet* interviewed the newly inducted Stuco members: President Ashley Hector, Vice President Toni-Anne Fajardo, Secretary Emily Ambrosio, and Treasurer Zainab Khan.

Trumpet: Why did you run for student council?

Ashley: I ran for student council because I was so inspired by Florianna Huen, who was the president of the executive board my freshman year. She brought excitement and smiles to everyone at SDA, and I wanted to do the same.

Emily: I ran for the Executive

Board because I knew I had the credentials needed to help lead the school in the right direction. I wanted to be one of the people every young woman here at SDA could look to for guidance and assurance when she needed it most. Most of all, I wanted to help bring a smile to people's faces and get to know more people through the position.

Trumpet: Do you have any plans for next year yet?

Toni-Anne: We obviously want morning announcements to be filled with an energy that

would wake the student body up. Also, we are planning to work on the Executive Board's role as an overseeing body for events so the bigger picture can be seen. **Zainab:** Everything is up to the lovely ladies of SDA. We really want you all to make suggestions



VP Toni-Anne Fajardo and President Ashley Hector

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Locks and Locks of Love

By: The Trumpet Staff

On June 10th, from 6:00-8:30pm, Saint Dominic Academy will be sponsoring a Locks of Love hair donation event in ELAN, which will include open mic performances by students and faculty.

There are currently over twenty girls, including current students and alumnae, cutting off more than ten inches of their own hair to donate.

Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under the age of 21 in the United States and Canada, suffering from long-term hair loss caused by various medical complications.

The event will also

accept donations of unused hair accessories to give to cancer patients as well as monetary donations to support the organization.

Seniors Roxanne Aguilera and Amanda Roman, both of whom have been touched by cancer with both their mothers having recovered from the illness, have put this incredible event together under the guidance of Mr. Hawthorn.

Please think about donating something to this extremely important cause. If you are interested in cutting your hair or donating hair products, please see Roxanne, Amanda, or Mr. Hawthorn.

A Gleeeful Victory in Myrtle Beach

By: Janine Ganapin '11

Some would think it would be unusual to have fifty girls dragging large suitcases, coming back to school late at night to sing, but not at Saint Dominic Academy. Every year, fifty Glee Club members form the "competition choir" and travel out of state to compete in a choir festival. This year, the Glee Club, the Dominoes, and the Show Choir traveled all the way to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to participate in the Heritage Festival music competition.

After a long bus ride, it was a pleasant surprise for the girls when they entered their hotel rooms and found a fully furnished kitchen and living room, two bedrooms, and two full bathrooms. There were even balconies overlooking beautiful Myrtle Beach. The girls made full use of what was available to them outside their rooms too, visiting the different water parks in the

hotel areas. The show choir even rehearsed its routine on the beach, but it all wasn't fun and games, as the next day brought about the competition.



After breakfast, all of the girls could not wait to get started. The Glee Club, represented by nearly every girl on the trip, went first. It was a last minute decision to have "The Rose" as a warm-up piece for the Glee Club, but it was the right choice as the judges praised senior Renee Lago's beautiful solo. Then the choir proceeded with their judged pieces, "Come In," accompanied expertly by senior Camille Tagami, "Hymn to

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Freedom” with a solo by senior Mariah Ralph, and finishing with “Lift Thine Eyes.”

Next came the Show Choir, an audition group of twelve girls, who performed a Michael Jackson medley. Decked out in blazers and sparkly gloves, they sang “Rock With You,” “Beat It,” “Bad,” and everyone’s favorite “Man in the Mirror.”

After a short break and some costume changes, the Dominoes took to the stage and performed the *Missa Brevis*, a collection of Mass choral works in Latin.

The following morning, the group made its way to Medieval Times where the awards ceremony was to take place. After watching the exciting show, the awards ceremony followed. The members of the executive board stood nervously awaiting the results, but were not disappointed as every single one of them had a turn to go up and receive a plaque or trophy

for the choir.

The Glee Club won first place in the Women’s Choir category, the Dominoes scored second in the Chamber Choir category, and the Show Choir received second place, an amazing feat considering it was seniors Raven Lyles and Aiden Connell, not paid professionals, who were completely in charge of the performance. To top it all off, the Saint Dominic Academy choir won the “Sweepstakes Award” for having the highest combined total score among all the choirs.

The moment the young women exited Medieval Times, they burst out with a celebratory rendition of the St. Dom’s alma mater. Of course, not to be outdone, on the bus ride back, Mr. Napoli led the girls in the singing of “We Are the Champions.” The following day, the girls returned back to St. Dom’s, safe and sound, and with several new awards to showcase.

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and tell us what you would like to see, so we can plan to make your high school years exciting.

Trumpet: What is your favorite school subject?

Ashley: My favorite school subject is psychology.

Toni-Anne: My favorite subject will forever be history.

Trumpet: What activities do you like to do outside of school?

Zainab (pictured left): Outside of school...I like to sleep. Just kidding. I love to write in my spare time, and I enjoy reading.



Zainab: My favorite color is pink.

The Trumpet would like to thank the lovely ladies for

Trumpet: What part of senior year are you most excited for?

Emily (pictured right): Of course I’m excited for Walkathon! It’s everyone’s favorite time of year, but I’m really just looking forward to every part of senior year, and really knowing what it feels like to be an upperclass woman.

taking the time to do this interview. After spending time with these wonderful young women, it is easy to see why they won the trust of the student body of Saint Dominic Academy. Best of luck as you begin to lead the students of St. Dom’s!

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IB Students Turn ELAN into MoMA

By: Shaunte Farthing ‘11

Two years of working hard - of sculpting, hot gluing, and painting - had come to this. This past April, the IB Visual Art Seniors put their art on display in ELAN.

Over the past two years, these hard working ladies created various projects that showed their developing styles and themes. In the end, an art examiner was sent by the International Baccalaureate Organization to evaluate and grade their work.

All of this wonderful art was not only on display for the IB examiner. On April 26, 2011, the families of the students were invited to come for an evening of viewing these pieces of artwork in the school’s “gallery.”

When asked what the hardest thing about IB Visual Arts was, Senior Janine Ganapin replied, “The hardest part with IB Art was the deadlines. Even though I had extra time sometimes, I didn’t like to take forever working on one thing. But all my projects seemed to take longer than I

thought they would.” Janine has no need to worry anymore, though, as all the hard work is done, and it is now time to relax and admire the work.



Students passing through ELAN were able to observe the artwork at their leisure. Senior Evette Martinez spoke highly of the art, saying, “I think that the amount of effort that everyone put into their artwork shows how dedicated the students were when it came to trying to get their points and themes across to other people.”

Congratulations to all of the senior IB Visual Art students on their beautiful creations.



Ashley Nicolas is interviewed by an IB examiner

Drama Club to Perform Mel Brooks

By: Kathryn Scarpa ‘11

Following an incredibly successful winter season in which Tim Burton’s *The Nightmare Before Christmas* was performed to a full audience in ELAN, the Drama Club is happy to announce its spring production, Mel Brooks’ *History of the World, Part I*.

Based on the classic 80’s movie of the same name, the play satirizes several important periods of early history, ranging from the Stone Age to the Old Testament all the way through the French Revolution. Some of the

highlights of the show include dancing cavemen, the accident that led to the Ten Commandments, dueling gladiators, an extremely overweight Caesar, a rather creepy King Louis XVI of France, and a unicorn named Miracle who always seems to save the day.

Parents are especially encouraged to attend, as they will definitely appreciate and remember this adaptation of the classic film. *History of the World, Part I* will be performed at 7:00 PM in ELAN on May 20, 2011, and tickets are \$10.

Multicultural Celebration Hits SPC

By: Marlene Garzona '11

Fiesta! Celebrazone! Celebration! As the midpoint of March approached, it meant time for a very special Saint Dominic Academy tradition - the Multicultural Show!

On a spring day in mid-March, the SDA community joined together to celebrate the school's diversity in the annual Multicultural Show. There certainly

was no shortage of talent and beautifully decorated costumes.

This year's theme was "SDA's Got Talent", featuring celebrity judges, Aiden Conell as Rihanna, Meghan Ianiro as herself, and Roxanne Aguilera as Pauly D. There were even hilarious "special guest performances" by Justin Bieber (Georgia Zadroga) and Taylor Swift (Chermaine Genio).

Students and faculty danced and sang songs from countries all around the world. Some of the acts included a traditional Filipino dance, exquisite Spanish, French, and Chinese songs, a snazzy dance performed by the Dance Team, Rhythmic

Indian dancing, and a beautiful song covered by the school's own newly formed student unity band "Digression" (pictured below).

The show even included a fashion show, which allowed the girls to show off their wardrobes. A few members of the faculty (Mr. Babico, pictured left) even volunteered to walk these beautiful young women down the runway and show off clothing from around the world.

The show's comical panel of judges kept the audience entertained with random dance numbers and amusing commentary about the participants. Both students and teachers got the chance to showcase their talents for the entire school to appreciate.



It was a remarkable day filled with fun and culture. For many students, it was a chance to learn something new about a culture

they perhaps knew very little about. So, until next year, Adios, Arrivederci and Au Revoir!



Sophomores Enjoy a Night Under the Stars

By: Courtney Major '13

On March 18, 2011, the sophomore class celebrated its first semi-formal dance at SDA, the Sophomore Sock Hop, and it was a wonderful time.

The theme "Under the Stars" was chosen by the Class of 2013, and ELAN was transformed from simple auditorium to a room of twinkling lights amidst a darkened sky. The tables were decorated with black and silver table cloths with centerpieces of rose petals and beautiful candles that floated in water.

The night was filled with great music and delicious food, and

everyone had lots of fun. While the set up of the dance was great, the real highlight of the night came when Mr. Cramer tied his red tie around his head and danced to the song "Whip my Hair" by Willow Smith.

At the end of the night, each girl received a photo frame keychain as a party favor. The sophomores had an excellent time and want to thank Mrs. Branagan and all the sophomore moderators for all their hard work in making this special event such a big success.

NHS Welcomes its New Members

By: Shubhangi Shukla '11

On April 27, 2011, sixteen students from Saint Dominic Academy were inducted into the Sienna Chapter of the National Honor Society.

The young women were honored at the ceremony for their achievements in scholarship, service, leadership, and membership. The ceremony began with a welcome speech by NHS Vice-president Felisa Velasco, and was followed by an invocation by Briana Silva.

The salute to the flag was followed by the guest speaker, who was none other than Mr. Corbo, a former NHS member himself. Following the speech was

the candle lighting ceremony in which each of the board members spoke about the importance of the qualifications of becoming a member.

Mrs. Criaris, the NHS advisor, then introduced the inductees and thanked the board of teachers who helped select the new members.

The evening concluded with a speech by Mrs. Griffin in which she not only admired the work that these young ladies did to attain membership into the society, but also acknowledged the role of their parents. Below is a list of the new inductees:

Class of 2012

Alexa Daly, Toni-Anne Fajardo, Michelle Ibarra, Christina LaBruno, Yoo Lee, Arianna Nieves, Catherine Policastro, Amaris Rodriguez, Megan Sisk, and Sarah Sisk

Class of 2013

Jessamyn Bonafe, Sarah Kelly, Courtney Major, Jacqueline Malabanan, Camille Santos, and Kara Whelply

Latin Joins the SDA Language Honor Society

By: Kristine Tangonan '11

This year has been an exciting one for the Language Honor Society. In addition to French and Spanish, Latin has now been included in the annual Language Honor Society Ceremony that allows members of the Junior and Senior classes to take part.

A letter with the familiar school logo and the statement, "Academia Sancti Dominici et Latinum Honoris Societas" is what many of the Latin Scholars received on April 6th, 2011 along with the student scholars of the Spanish and French departments.

Although there was a minor problem with the microphone, the ceremony was a success. Mr. Byrnes was the spokesperson for Latin which the students enjoyed. Madame Scholz introduced the French speaking students, and

Senora Jimenez congratulated the Spanish speaking students.

The ceremony included the lighting of the symbolic candles and the presentation of pins. It was clear that the audience was filled with proud teachers, parents, and family members of these language scholars as ELAN erupted in applause at the conclusion of the ceremony. In the end, the language scholars left with a pin, certificate, and candles to commemorate this joyous event.

Hopefully, in the near future, the Chinese scholars will see a letter in the mail inviting them to attend the first Chinese Honor Society in the history of Saint Dominic Academy. Congratulations to the newly inducted members in French, Latin, and Spanish.



Spring Success

By: Jaimee Laurie '12 & Kathryn Zubicki '12

Spring is in the air, along with grounders, pop flies, and homeruns. Softball season is underway, and the SDA Varsity's record at press time is 8 and 5, while the junior varsity holds a record of 10 and 2.

Despite some tough early season losses, the team is confident it will finish strong this year. Coach Murduca, Coach Modesta, and Coach Brew are proud of their Blue Devils softball team and cannot believe how much the team has grown over the last couple years. The team is looking to its four seniors, Jaime Leale, Karina Curcio, Ivanna Reaves, and Xiomari Gil to lead them deep into the Hudson County playoffs this year.

Earlier this season, the team

traveled to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and played its hardest against several other teams from around the United States.

One of the best accomplishments of the season involved two out of the park homeruns, one by Katie Zubicki against Glen Ridge and another by Liz Tolentino against Union City. Also against Union City, pitcher Jaimee Laurie struck out eleven batters in one game, and her sister, Alissa, has played wonderful defense from behind the plate as the team's catcher.

The county and state playoffs are coming up in late May, so come out and support the Blue Devils!



Taking on the Runway

By: Darcy Brown '11

Saint Dominic Academy's first Mother's Club Fashion Show was one of the highly anticipated events of the spring, and it certainly did not disappoint. The event took place on a sunny afternoon in the Westin Hotel in downtown Jersey City.

As the more than 300 guests packed the ballroom, the organizers of the event were filled with great anticipation. A great amount of planning and practice went into the event and the end result was even better than expected.

Saint Dom's girls from each grade strutted their stuff and walked down the runway to the many "ohhs and ahhs" of the crowd. Teachers such as, Mrs. Roc, Ms. Vergel and Mr. Hawthorn also participated in the modeling along with several young men from Saint Peter's Prep. Each model

was sponsored by a company with a dress or suit along with accessories from local boutiques in Jersey City.

The types of fashion included casual, cocktail, vintage, evening and wedding attire. Models had their hair and make-up done by local stylists and each model looked stunning.

Lunch was served to each guest and various gift baskets were raffled off to conclude the event. The show was a great way for the models to work the runway and allowed for local vendors to show off their styles.

Under the leadership of the Mother's Club, the fashion show should become one of the most exciting events of every school year.

The Class of 2011 will be attending the following colleges and universities in the fall (names available as of press time):

American University

Catherine Brown

Bergen County Community College

Danielle Bibera
Kacey Loaiza

Caldwell College

Taylor Allen

College of the Holy Cross

Vanessa Moscatello

CUNY - NY College of Technology

Hamsa Khamis

DeSales University

Natalia Ortega

Duke Univesity

Fantasia Jenkins
Alessandra Rabellino

Farleigh Dickinson - Madison

Caitlyn Angrosina
Shannon Hood
Isabel Lopez

Farleigh Dickinson - Teaneck

Valeria Rodriguez
Myralisa Samedy
Leomary Sotomayor

Fordham College at Lincoln Center

Elizabeth Dawybida
Christina Sailer

Hudson County Community College

Aroosa Khan
Dana Walcott (School of Nursing)

James Madison University

Amanda La Varco

Johnson and Wales University

Karina Curcio

Kean University

Chermaine Genio
Renee Lago
Ha Nguyen
Myrofora Zambas

La Salle University

Liana Irizarry

Long Island University - Brooklyn

Jessica Boulos

Loyola University - Maryland

Amanda Deloughery
Felisa Velasco

Lyndon State College - Vermont

Sarah Francisco

Montclair State University

Annamaria De Bari

Moore College of Art and Design

Danielle Alicea

New Jersey City University

Janice Jaraba
Aleah Lombardi
Evette Martinez
Gabriella Morsella
Gabriella Musella
Amanda Roman
Lauren Tredo
Jennifer Valdez

New Jersey Institute of Technology

Sandy Amin
Kathleen Libatique
Jennifer Orellana

New York University - Tisch School of the Arts

Kathryn Scarpa

Pace University

Melissa Agosto
Brielle Robinson

Pennsylvania State University -

Hazleton

Jennifer Ramon

Quinnipiac University

Jaime Leale

Richard Stockton College of NJ

Georgia Zadroga

Rowan University

Samantha Della Fave
Brionna Hargrove

Rutgers University

Arianne Arnaldo
Carina Belino
Laura Bodnar
Megan Brown
Laurie Engelhardt
Shaunte Farthing
Julianne Francisco
Janine Ganapin
Marlene Garzona
Christine Hartnett
Nicole Miklas
Nicole Moreira
Kenya O'Neill
Bhumi Patel
Bindy Patel
Jenny Patel
Jinal Patel
Claudia Perez De Tagle
Jessica Ramsundar
Amelia Seepaul
Shubhangi Shukla
Carolyn Vu

Sacred Heart University

Angela Tiano

Saint John's University

Stevey Terry

Saint Peter's College

Jhazerie Allas
Madeleine Feeney

Xiomari Gil

Kayla Hanley
Meghan Ianiro
Kelisa Matias
Anna Miranda
Mykela Pascual
Alexandra Sison
Kristine Tangonan
Meryger Taveras
Nicole Vega

Seton Hall University

Alison Elgayar
Maria Matamoros
Adriana Nicolas
Ashley Nicolas
Kristie Rogers
Alexandra Sepulveda
Camille Tagami

The Art Institute of Philadelphia

Rosie Simmons

The American Musical and Dramatic Academy

Mariah Ralph

Union County College

Lizbeth Coronel
Raven Lyles
Mary Reyes

University of Hartford

Jade Richinson

University of the Sciences - Philadelphia

Kristy Nguyen

Virginia Union University

Alana Oglesby

William Patterson University

Amanda Garcia
Meghan Mahoney