



Providence Heights Alpha School

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May 19, 2010

MAY Mass Date:
21st

NO SCHOOL
MAY 28-31

Thurs., May 27
Volunteer
Recognition
7:30-8:30 am in
Cafeteria

Student Recognition
Ceremony
Grades 6-8
Rescheduled for
June 4

Tues., June 8
Kindergarten
Celebration 7pm in
auditorium

Wed., June 9
Field Day

Thurs., June 10
No Classes
8th Grade
Graduation 7:00 pm
Chapel
Reception in
auditorium following
ceremony

Fri., June 11
Last day of school
11am dismissal
Kennywood Day

BRIDGE FOUNDATION AND EITC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Alpha was honored to host Sr. Jane Orie, Representative Mike Turzai, Dr. Joseph Sheridan and principals from local schools at a May 11 reception held at Kearns Spirituality Center. Alpha and several other schools received scholarship funds awarded through the Bridge Foundation and the EITC program.



Life After Alpha

At all times from 1964 thru 1979, one of the Gallaghers was attending Alpha (aka Divine Providence, aka Providence Heights). That's right. Either myself (Class of 1973), Brian (Class of 1972), Mary "Patty" (Class of 1974) or Meg (Class of 1979) were donning the clip-on tie or plaid jumper to attend this wonderful school. I will let my dear brother and sisters tell their own stories in subsequent issues and today I will share mine.

Looking back, there was no other experience which shaped my life as those eight (8) years at Alpha did. I was incredibly fortunate to be at Alpha during a magical time when we started the very first boys' basketball team. I was in the 4th grade and Sister Marsha was our first organizer, and Mr. John Fabac was our first coach. Because Coach Fabac was a floor manager at KDKA he had "access" and was somehow able to secure an official red, white and blue ABA basketball from the Pittsburgh Condors (anyone remember John Brisker?). It was awesome. We played our very first game at the Marycrest gym across the street and we wore white tee shirts with black felt numbers stitched on the back. In the subsequent years, the program developed to the point where we had red satin uniforms, played at Ketter Hall, won a few games, and were regular participants in local tournaments like the Holiday Tournament at Holy Family. It began my love of sports and especially basketball.

The other great experience I had at Alpha was as an "altar boy". My brother Brian and our friends served Sundays, Jubilees, Anniversary's, Vigils, Midnight, and funerals. I heard some very moving homilies which I can still remember from Fathers Reith, Geyer, Reitan and visiting priests. Our graduating class had 14 members (my 9th grade class at NA had 715). Great kids like Jeff Boylan, Paul Seubert, and Harold Buffin with whom I spent eight (8) great years. Wonderful teachers like Sisters Beth, Carolyn, Mary Grace, Roberta, Martha Thomas, Marsha, Jean Lorette, Margaret Ann and so many more.

Life moved on and from Alpha I attended North Allegheny and from NA I attended University of Notre Dame. After 16 years working in Sales/Marketing for LEGO Toys, I am now the President/CEO of Faber Castell USA in Cleveland. We produce and distribute Faber-Castell and Creativity for Kids branded products of the highest quality for children and adults. My wife Mindy and three boys (Jamie, Brendan and Ryan) enjoy hearing my Alpha stories and find it amazing that the unique building is a school! Most of all they can't believe that "Handyman" Joe Negri played our Alpha Graduation Party (hey, he was very cool at the time).

Through the years I have tried to follow a basic guideline of being "buttoned up and personable". "Buttoned up" speaks to the importance of preparation. Not everyone can possess natural ability, but everyone can work hard and be prepared for school or in my case, for an important meeting." Personable" because the foundation of a happy life is being a good person. Be friendly, smile, ask good questions and listen more than you talk—you will learn more.

Above all, I am so thankful to my parents for sending us to Alpha. Those eight years serve me everyday and in every facet of my life through my faith, my decision making, my values, my parenting. I will always be grateful to the Alpha family and the lessons and memories that we all carry with us all these years later.

Jamie Gallagher '73
jamie@fabercastell.com

Alumni News

Nick Houser – Nick is completing his senior year at Shady Side Academy as an honor roll student and will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall to study Business and Sports Management. Nick was an assistant captain on the Shady Side Prep hockey team and was a leading scorer on the team that broke the school record for wins in a season. Nick was also captain of the Youngstown Phantom U18 AAA hockey team and its leading scorer.

Michael Houser – Michael is a junior at Saunders Secondary School in London, Ontario, Canada and is an honor roll student. Michael spent his freshman year in Detroit, Michigan and led the Little Caesar's AAA Hockey Club to a USA Hockey National Championship. Michael was drafted by the USHL Junior A Des Moines Buccaneers hockey team in October, 2008, and attended school at West Des Moines Valley High School and played for the team as the second youngest player in the league during the 2008-9 season. Michael signed with the London Knights of the OHL Major Junior Hockey League in May, 2009, and had a successful season as a rookie in the most competitive junior league in the sport. He was named to the OHL first team all-rookie team and was the Knights scholastic player of the year for his work on the ice and in the classroom. He is currently the 11th ranked goaltender for the 2010 NHL draft in June, 2010.

Alex Houser – Alex is just completing his freshman year at Central Catholic High School. Alex continues to have success in the classroom as well as on the ice as a AA player for the North Pittsburgh Wildcats.

Shannon Houser – Shannon is completing her freshman year at Oakland Catholic High School. She has had a very strong academic year and has been a full season participant as a rower of the OCHS Crew Team.

Jennimarie Swegan, Alpha 2007, was awarded a Women in Science Mathematics Award from Seton Hill University, which includes a Women in Science scholarship to Seton Hill. Jennimarie, a junior at Vincentian Academy, was also inducted into the National Honor Society.

Ali Perryman graduated last year from Allegheny College, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa with a double major in Psychology and Neuroscience. She is now a graduate student at WVU in applied Behavioral Analysis. She works with children with autism and other behavioral problems. Ali's brother **Chad** is graduating from Vincentian Academy and is Valedictorian of his class. He is also a National Merit Scholarship finalist. Chad will be attending Carnegie Mellon in the fall, majoring in computer Science.

Volunteer Recognition

Alpha volunteers, please join Sr. Paulita in the cafeteria from 7:30-8:30 am Thursday, May 27 for coffee, muffins, fruit, juice and tea.

- **NO INTRAMURALS MAY 27. JUNE 7 IS LAST INTRAMURALS DAY FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR.**
- **Communion photos were found in the chapel on Sunday, May 16 belonging to Gail Brobst. If you know Gail, please tell her to contact the Motherhouse.**
- **ALL Kennywood ticket orders must be in the office by May 26- no orders accepted after that date. Please do not call the office requesting tickets.**

SCRIP

The last day to order out-of-stock scrip is **Thursday, May 27th**. Please plan ahead for any summer shopping you might have and order through the Alpha scrip program. You may continue to purchase any instock cards through the end of the school year. If you have any questions please contact Amy Niggemyer @ ankn@zoominternet.net or Kerri Very @ kerrivery@verizon.net

Thank you for your continued support.

Summer Tutoring

The following teachers are available for summer tutoring: Mrs. Lisa DeArmit, Mrs. Jennifer Bayley, Miss Lisa Olivo, and Mrs. Susan Shick. Please contact a teacher through their Alpha email if you wish to discuss tutoring.

YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

It is time to order your 2009-2010 yearbook! Please fill out the form below and send to **Mrs. Brown-Clair**
Thanks for your support!

_____ Yes!!!! I would like to order a 20092010 copy of the Alpha yearbook!

Student Name _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

Student Name _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

of copies ordered _____

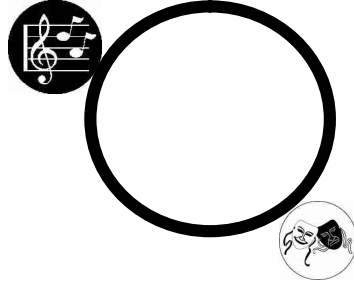
Price per copy _____ x \$20

Total _____

Amount Paid _____ cash _____ check # _____

Checks should be made out to Providence Heights Alpha School.

Musical Theater Summer Camp 2010



Do you love to sing, act, or dance? Then come join other rising stars this summer as you shine while singing favorite Broadway show tunes from favorite musicals. This program is open to new and experienced students from the Alpha School, and other local Catholic schools who are entering grades 3-8 in September.

Each day will include lessons in singing, choreography, and acting. New and experienced students will shine in this ensemble as they learn some of Broadway's greatest showstoppers! The students will perform for family and friends on the last day of camp.

There are no audition requirements for acceptance into this camp. All students are welcome. Maximum enrollment is 30 students per session, so sign up soon!

Program Instructor: Shelly O'Hara-Tapp Ms. O'Hara-Tapp, a classically trained singer and actress, teaches grades K-8 at the Alpha School, and founded the Musical Theater 360° program at the Alpha School. She also maintains an active voice studio in the North Hills of Pittsburgh. Visit www.broadwayopera360.com for more information.

Dates: Session 1: June 21-25 9am-12:00 noon Session 2: July 12-16 9am-12:00 noon

Location: The Alpha School is located within the Sisters of Divine Providence Convent 9000 Babcock Blvd., Allison Park PA

Fees: \$175 per session. Fee will cover the cost of study materials, including sheet music and audio CD.

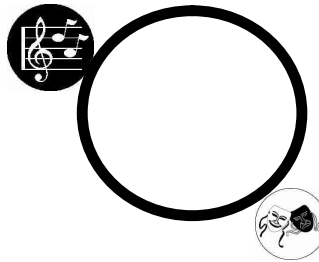
How to register: Please complete and print the application below, and mail it with payment to the address listed. Upon receipt of application, students will be sent study materials, and more information on location, times, final performance, etc.

Questions E-mail: stapp@zoominternet.net phone: 724-625-2869

Shelly O'Hara-Tapp 130 Golfview Drive

Musical Theater 360 Gibsonia PA 15044

**Musical Theater 360°
Summer Camp 2010 Application**



Application and fee deadlines:

Session 1: Application and fee due June 7. No refunds will be given after June 14.

Session 2: Application and fee due June 28. No refunds will be given after July 5.

<p><u>Select Session (check one or more)</u></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Session 1 Jun 21-25 9am-12noon</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Session 1 Jun 21-25 9am-12noon</p>
<p><u>Name</u></p>	
<p><u>Address</u></p>	
<p><u>City</u></p>	
<p><u>State</u></p>	
<p><u>Zip Code</u></p>	
<p><u>E-Mail</u></p>	
<p><u>Entering Grade in Fall 2010</u></p>	
<p><u>Parent/Guardian</u></p>	
<p><u>Home Phone</u></p>	
<p><u>Business Phone/Cell</u></p>	

Please make checks out to: Ms. Shelly O'Hara -Tapp

APTA Volunteer Survey 2010-2011 Academic Year

Thank you for taking the time to share this information. Your interest in volunteering is greatly appreciated. Please return this form to the school office.

Parent Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Student Name(s) and Grade(s): _____

If you are interested in contributing, please check all the boxes that apply:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Timing</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Library Aide	1 hr weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Filled
<input type="checkbox"/> Boo Hoo Breakfast	Fall 2010	<input type="checkbox"/>	Filled
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Envelope	4x per yr	<input type="checkbox"/>	Filled
<input type="checkbox"/> Service Club K-3	4x per yr	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Service Club 4-8	4x per yr	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wellness Committee	4x per yr	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Forensics		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Scholastic Book Fair	Fall	<input type="checkbox"/>	Filled
<input type="checkbox"/> Kidstuff Book	Fall	<input type="checkbox"/>	Filled
<input type="checkbox"/> Vendor Fair	Fall	<input type="checkbox"/>	Filled
<input type="checkbox"/> Thanksgiving Feast	Nov.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Sale	Dec.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Filled
<input type="checkbox"/> Baby Jesus Birthday	Dec.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Filled
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Day	Spring 2011	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gala Committee	Spring 2011	<input type="checkbox"/>	Filled
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts At Alpha	Spring 2011	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Recognition Ceremony	Spring 2011	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cafeteria/Playground Volunteer	On-going	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Used Uniforms	On-going	<input type="checkbox"/>	Filled
<input type="checkbox"/> Box tops/Labels/Coupons	On-going	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> I would be willing to help should the need arise for one of the following skill sets which I possess: legal, accounting, graphic design, IT, web site design, etc.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like someone from the APTA to contact me to discuss how I might be able to use my talents for the school's benefit.			
<input type="checkbox"/> My schedule does not allow for volunteering, but I would like someone from the APTA to contact me to discuss how I may provide more financial support for these programs.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I am unable to volunteer at this time.			

Thank you for your time. An APTA board member will contact you should you indicate a willingness to volunteer. If you are not contacted, please feel free to contact one of us.

The APTA Board: Diane Staggers (Pres.), Caroline Cordisco (VP), Donna Doblack (Sec.), Ben Rovee/Jennifer Foody (Co-Treas.), Asha Seshan (Volunteer Coordinator), Cathy Hillman (Homerom Parent Coordinator).

GOLF OUTING

June 4, 2010 at Highland Country Club

Jack Goodrich is spearheading a golf outing at the Highland Country Club and he needs your help to make this fundraiser a success.

1. Contact Jack if you plan to attend. How many in the group?
2. Can you donate items/ foursomes at other courses, gift cards, etc.?
3. Sponsorships for Tee signs. Jack will have them made up-he needs the name

Schedule: June 4

- 8am continental breakfast
- 9am start
- Lunch after golf - hot dogs, burgers, grilled chicken, various salads, soft drinks and cash bar
- Hole-in-one for a new car donated by Classic Chevrolet and a 50/50 drawing.
- Price per person is \$150 or \$500 per foursome
- Volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of areas.

**Proceeds will be used for the upkeep of the Athletic Field.
PLEASE RESPOND TO JACK OR TOM DUNN FOR A
REGISTRATION FORM. Make checks out to Alpha Athletic
Association. Jack Goodrich 412-779-5400 or
jack@goodlazlaw.com**

Directory Information 2010-2011
Please return by July 21, 2010 or email
ehughes@alphaschool.org

If there are no changes just enter first and last name.

Last name: _____

Father: _____

Mother: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Student(s) Name(s)

_____ Grade _____

_____ Grade _____

_____ Grade _____

Only those families who return the directory request or contact the office will be included in the directory.



Kennywood Day Tickets

Kennywood Day is Friday, June 11th, 2010. We will be selling a combined ticket for dinner and an all day ride pass.

Kennywood catering will provide an all you can eat buffet at Pavilion 21 from 4:00– 6:00 PM, and beverages will be served from 1:00 – 7:00 PM. **The combined tickets will cost \$39.50 for all adults and children over 6.** Children 3 – 6 are \$30.00. Kennywood charges \$37 per person just for an all day ride pass!

The menu will include:

- BBQ Boneless Chicken Breasts Hot Dogs
- Penne Pasta w/ Marinara Tossed Green Salad
- Potato Salad Baked Beans
- Deluxe Fruit Salad Pepsi Products

**Please complete the form below and mark the envelope: Alpha Office, Kennywood Tickets
Attn: Teresa Farls**

This form must be completed and returned to the Alpha Office by Wednesday, May 26th. NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED!!! Ticket orders will be returned to you in the Wednesday, June 9th purple envelope. Be sure to check with your child for the tickets.

I hope that everyone can make it. It should be great fun!

If you have any questions, please contact:

**teresafarls@yahoo.com
Teresa Farls
412-720-8357**

Please make check payable to: APTA

Student Name: _____

Home Room Teacher: _____

Phone Number: _____

Total	Qty	Each Price	
Kennywood Ride All Day/Dinner Tickets	_____	X \$39.50	=
\$ _____			
Kennywood Ride All Day/Dinner Tickets 55years and older	_____	X \$36.50	=
\$ _____			
Kennywood Ride All Day/Dinner Tickets (3-6 years old)	_____	X \$30.00	=
\$ _____			
Children under 2 are free			
		Total enclosed	
\$ _____			

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE ALPHA OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 26TH.

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Fund Raiser Event

**Present this flyer
Dine-in or take-out**

Tuesday, June 8, 2010



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**In the Wexford Shopping Plaza,
724-935-5400**

**20% of all proceeds from customers who present this flyer will go
to the
Providence Heights Alpha School.**