



# HOPE IN THE HEIGHTS

*A Newsletter for the Alumni, Parents and Friends of*

## ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

*Washington Heights, New York City*

*Summer 2007*

### Students Invited to Visit Museum of Jewish Heritage with Cardinal

Marcela Madera (7-1), Lucien Liz-Lepiorz (7-2), Michelle Blankas (grade 8), Teacher James Tomassi, and Principal Sr. Noreen Nolan, OP, received a special invitation to visit the Papal exhibit “A Blessing To One

Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People” at The Museum of Jewish Heritage with His Eminence Edward Cardinal Egan. Also invited were students from All Hallows High School and elementary and high school students from Jewish Schools in Manhattan and Brooklyn.



The traveling exhibition, which ran until mid-March in New York, draws its name from the Pope’s 1993 appeal marking the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising: “As Christians and Jews, following the example of the faith of Abraham, we are called to be a blessing to the world. This is the common task awaiting us. It is therefore necessary for us, Christians and Jews, to first be a blessing to one another.”

Pictured in the photo at left, is Cardinal Egan and some of the students from the four schools.

Because of the experience shared by the students, the seventh grade visited the exhibit on March 9.

### Challenge Grant Funds Floor Retiling Project

Thanks to a phenomenal response from parents, alumni and friends, the school’s first and second floor classrooms and hallways will be retiled this summer.

In May, we received a Challenge Grant from The Endowment for Inner-City Education to match funds raised for the project, up to \$30,000. In the true spirit of St. Elizabeth School, the match was raised in just three weeks!

Donations included \$19,000 from the Steven A. & Alexandra M. Cohen Foundation, made possible by Alexandra Garcia Cohen ‘78, and \$2,000 from Edward Mulvey ‘47 and Brendan O’Connell ‘47, in honor of the the 60th Anniversary of the Class of 1947.

Work will be completed over the summer, and is the continuation of a plan that has involved replacement of the school’s original 1950s flooring on the third floor (2006) and in the gym (2004). To see how you can help with other projects, see page 8 or go to the school’s website at [www.steliznyc.org/wishlist.asp](http://www.steliznyc.org/wishlist.asp).

### New Program Focuses on Character-Building

A new program this school year works to assist students in developing strong character. Eighth grade students have been participating in the Nick Curriculum, meeting each week to journal and discuss how to grow in character, and how to become who they are called to be.

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## Letter from the Principal



Dear Friends,

As I read the wonderful letters and emails that I receive from alumni, one of the most common themes is their desire to give back to the school which many credit as one of the most influential places of their lives. The support and prayers that our alumni provide are their way of honoring what

they and their families received, and passing it along to a new generation of students.

In these pages, you will read about the success of our students in and out of the classroom, and our efforts to expand our programs, build our resources and make capital improvements. We owe a great deal of gratitude to our dedicated faculty and staff, who work tirelessly everyday in the legacy of the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus to make all things possible.

Much has changed in the world since the school was established in 1936. But through all of this, value-based Catholic Education has remained a constant for our Washington Heights families.

This newsletter is indeed a celebration of the wonderful success that has taken place at St. Elizabeth this school year. It is also a celebration of the blessings that you bestow on us each year, with your prayers and financial support.

Please know how grateful we are for the continued opportunity to minister to many generations of children, as we keep you in our prayers. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Sr. Noreen Nolan, O.P.

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## *Siemens Donates Computers*



*The school was very blessed to receive a donation of 15 computers (and water bottles) from the Siemens Corporation earlier this winter. The computers made it possible to replace outdated equipment in the classrooms. Special thanks to Father Peter Pomposello who was responsible for procuring the donation.*

## Alumni Reunion News

Alumni from the **Class of 1959** attended a reunion at the home of Bill Appel '59 on October 28, 2006, at his home in Brooklyn. Several alumni from the classes of **1958, 1960 and 1961** also attended. They came from as far away as Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, New Hampshire, Virginia, New Jersey and of course all over New York State.

Those who were in town on Friday were treated to a tour of the school by Sr. Noreen Nolan, OP and eighth grade students. Some also went to the 12:30 Mass at St. E's on Sunday. A lot of wonderful memories were shared, and they are looking forward to doing something great for their 50th in 2009! Photos are posted at [www.steliznyc.org/class-re-photos.asp](http://www.steliznyc.org/class-re-photos.asp).

**The Classes of 1947 and 1957 are planning Reunions for their 60th and 50th Anniversaries respectively.** For more information, please contact Tom Hughes, class of 1947, at [tah1933@gmail.com](mailto:tah1933@gmail.com); or Judith Fray Murray, class of 1957, at [jandjmurray@msn.com](mailto:jandjmurray@msn.com) or PO Box 457, New City, NY 10956. The Class of 1957 has already scheduled theirs for October 7, 2007. We are still looking for a number of "missing" alumni from those classes and others. Please view our list at [www.steliznyc.org/alummissing.asp](http://www.steliznyc.org/alummissing.asp).

**If you would like to plan a reunion for your class**, please contact Director of Development Jenny Kaepner at 212-568-7291, ext. 13 or via email at [officedev@steliznyc.org](mailto:officedev@steliznyc.org). The school can assist you with classmate contact information and publicity.

Planning a class reunion does not have to be a daunting task. We have compiled a page of helpful hints for planning a class get-together, from the simple to the very elaborate. Visit the information page at [www.steliznyc.org/alumreunionfaq.asp](http://www.steliznyc.org/alumreunionfaq.asp).

## St. Elizabeth Students in the News

St. Elizabeth students make us proud every day. Their effort and success in the classroom is exemplary, and is evident in the recent awards they have received.

Seventh grader Marcela Madera placed third in religion and eighth grader Sissy Henriquez placed first in mathematics (*photo right*) in the *Academic Olympics* at Mount St. Michael Academy on March 10. Seventh and eighth grade students from Archdiocesan Elementary Schools participated.

Eighth grader Miriam Pinto and seventh grader Lucien Liz-Lepiorz won first place for their grades in the *District Science Fair* sponsored by the Catholic Schools of North Manhattan. Their projects were entitled “Music Effects” and “Diesel/Electric” respectively.

Many students excelled at the school’s annual *Speech Contest*. The school winners were seventh graders Amber Hamilton (first place) and Lucien Liz-Lepiorz (second place).

The school winners of the *Archdiocesan Bicentennial Art Contest* were Jonathan Rodriguez, grade two; Aisha Rivera, grade five; and Marcela Madera, grade seven. Marcela went on to be the Manhattan Elementary School Winner for her grade level.

Three seventh grade students were accepted into the Aquinas High School *PULSE (Partnership for Urban Life Science Education) Program*, a challenging Saturday enrichment science program. Congratulations to Amber Hamilton, Gabrielle Mariduena, and Maria Ojeda!



Eighth grader Nicole Ruszczyński placed second in the *Archdiocesan CYO Art Contest* - Master Division.

Two students were named winners in the *Manhattan Times Mother’s Day Essay Contest*. They are first grader Eliandy Reynoso and eighth grader Jacqueline Garcia.

Our graduates also go on to represent the St. Elizabeth School with pride. Special congratulations to Liseidy Bueno ‘06 of St. Vincent Ferrer High School and Tatiana Arnold ‘06 of Aquinas High School who have both *ranked number one in their freshman classes*.

## Character-Building

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The program is sponsored by The Friends of Nick Foundation, which is named after the late Nick Forstmann, who believed in the impact of Catholic Schools. It is administered by Elissa Moran, Program Director of the Foundation, as well as the sister of Mr. Forstmann.

Students reflect on and commit to making the qualities of Courage, Curiosity, Humility and Best Effort, Integrity, Sense of Humor, Perseverance, Compassion, Generosity, Friendship their own. Their own eighth grade teacher Ms. Nati Lorica facilitated the curriculum.

In addition, a series of five evening workshops, The What Really Matters Family Program, brought eighth grade students and their parents together for conversations about how to deepen their relationships with one another.

At the Closing Program, the Foundation awarded four-year partial scholarships to Hector Marmolejos and Simona Diamantopoulos, who will attend All Hallows and Mother Cabrini High Schools respectively.

We are very grateful to the Foundation for these wonderful opportunities.

## Dominican Sisters Establish Peace Award

A newly-established Peace Award will honor St. Elizabeth School Principal Sr. Noreen Nolan, OP.

According to one of the Sisters, Sr. Margo Saich, OP, “the award will honor 40 years of outstanding education which began when a Young Sparkill Dominican sister stepped into a classroom in the Bronx and through the years has drawn from each child and colleague the fullness of their potential.”

The award will recognize those who enable the education of the whole child, which is the Mission of St. Elizabeth School.

Sr. Noreen has been principal since 1989 and was named a Distinguished Principal for the New York Region of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) in 1999.

Sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, the first of these awards will be presented at an annual ceremony in the fall. Watch our website [www.steliznyc.org](http://www.steliznyc.org) for further details.

# Alumni News

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**John Sullivan '49** of St. Mary Church in the Bronx was elevated to Monsignor.

**Catherine McGovern '49** of Lakewood, NJ, attended the wedding of her niece Kathy, daughter of **James McGovern '53** and **Kathleen Hanratty McGovern '56**. In attendance were their friends **Jimmy McLaughlin '51**, **Eddie O'Connor '52**, and **John Flynn '52** and their wives. They had a good time reminiscing about St. E's church and school at this happy occasion.

**Lucille Lyons Brantl '51** of Yardley, PA, told us that her mother Alice Lyons had 12 children, most of them graduating from St. E's. She moved with her parents to NJ when she was 15, was married in 1959, and eventually retired after working for 26 years for New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company. She and her husband have four children and four grandchildren and have a small home in Florida.

**Joseph P. Connor '54** of Plattsburgh, NY, is a graduate of Xavier and Holy Cross, retiring from Plattsburgh Air Force Base in 1982. He is currently a financial planner. He was married to a wonderful Bronx woman for 43 years and watched her raise six accomplished children. Now widowed with 25 grandchildren, he hopes to be at the next reunion to renew friendships and relive his youth in Washington Heights.

**James Mawdsley '55** lives in Westwood, NJ with his wife Peggy, enjoying retirement and their five grandchildren. They send regards to all his friends from St. E's and hope to see everyone back for the 55th reunion.

**Catherine Mawdsley Nicholson '55** of Garnerville, NY, has retired from being a school nurse and loves the many vacations taken as well as spending time with her six grandchildren who all live nearby. Jim, her husband of 41 years, is delighted to have her home.

**Elizabeth Barrett Seckendorf '57** moved to Rockland County in 1979. She has worked for The City College of New York for the past 36 years and is looking forward to retirement soon. She has one daughter Susan who also graduated from St. Elizabeth School.

**Paul Spennrath '57** (whose nickname was "Spenny") retired eight years ago to Belmar, NJ, after 32 years with the New York Police Department. He runs a guest house in Belmar at 8th Avenue and B Street, and would love some St. E's visitors.

**Eileen Dooley Costillo '58** of Sarasota, FL, works as a paraprofessional for the Manatee County School System. She and her husband John have a son and they enjoy their two grandchildren who live nearby. They treasure their memories of the Heights including their marriage in beautiful St. Elizabeth Church.

**Patricia Schott-Rower '58** of St. Petersburg, FL, writes that many classmates took Irish step dancing lessons with Sean Murphy in the early 1950s. She was part of the Four-Hand Reel Group with **Claire Doyle**, **Peggy McGuire** and **Eileen Ellicot**, and asks "Where are they now?"

**Kathleen Pierce O'Toole '59** has four children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandson. She is semi-retired, living in Pelham, NY, and loves to travel, read and play Scrabble. "May God continue to bless Elizabeth School. Long may she be the beginning of a solid Catholic education."

**Dr. Frances Breen White '59** has two adult children and nine grandchildren. A cancer survivor, she has retired to Maryland, where she is a practicing psychologist and marriage and family therapist in her home office. She writes a column for her local newspaper and does volunteer work

and pro bono counseling. She also taught at Incarnation School following her graduation from college.

**Frances Mawdsley Sotire '60** lives at the beach in Long Beach, NY, still working full time as an Auto Insurance Claims Examiner. She has two sons and one grandson in California. She went to Tuscany in November and is going on a Mediterranean cruise in May.

**Muriel Dooley Vlahakis '60** has been living in Sarasota, FL, since 1972 and has been richly blessed with three wonderful daughters and three grandchildren. She operates a daycare and preschool in her home and is surrounded by her entire family. She even lives next door to her sister **Eileen Dooley Costello '58**, and has been married to her childhood sweetheart for 38 years.

**Kenneth Hernandez '62** is the Dean of Workforce Development for the Houston Community College System-Northeast, but is currently in Afghanistan since being recalled to active duty with the US Navy. He is married with two children, and would like to hear from any of his classmates.

**Michael O'Connell '63** of Newport, NH, has retired after 36 years in the corporate world and is now a substitute teacher at his local elementary school. His wife will be retiring this year and their plans include a lot of golf, raising some horses and doing some traveling. He encourages classmates to drop him an email at okie6349@adelphia.net.

**Dr. Cathy Mirenda Fagan '64** and her husband live in Rockville Centre, NY, and have three grown children. She received her doctorate in English in 2002 and now teaches writing, literature and grammar full time at Nassau Community College, while coordinating their Writing Placement Program. She also teaches an occasional graduate course in teaching grammar (part of her St. E's education!) at Hofstra University.

**Msgr. John T. Ferry '65** was named pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Scarsdale, NY, after serving as associate rector and master of ceremonies at St. Patrick's Cathedral for several years.

**Fr. Henry Louis Beauchamp '66** moved with his family back to Puerto Rico after graduation. In 1972 he professed as a Redemptorist Missionary and has been ordained for 28 years, working for many years in the Caribbean as a parish priest and in seminary formation. At present he lives and works at their Generalate House in Rome.

**Michael Rosas, Esq. '68** of Manassas, VA, was recently named President of the Federal Administrative Law Judges Conference, a voluntary professional association that provides educational and social programs for members and works on improving the administrative judicial process.

**Richard Santomauro '69** is widowed and lives with his 12-year-old son in Bergenfield, NJ.

**Cathy Santomauro-Monzillo '70** is married with a 16-year-old daughter and 17-year-old son, and lives in Carmel, NY.

**Michael Duignan '72** retired from the New York City Fire Department, and now works in Development at Mount St. Michael Academy. In the summer of 2004 he coached AAU Basketball in Ireland at the Irish National Camp. He lives in Pleasantville with his family

**Donna Santomauro-Gentile '73** is widowed, with two sons 21 and 18, and lives in Paramus, NJ.

**Priscilla Borja '74** has two lovely kids, a daughter (21) and a son (20). She lives in beautiful Guayaquil, Ecuador, and hopes to hear from her classmates at titi81359@hotmail.com. "Remember Sister Del Amor!"

## *(Alumni News continued)*

**Anthony Iasello '75** of Rockville Center, NY, used to play for the Tyro Basketball Team in eighth grade and would love to see any team photos. He attended All Hallows and Manhattan College, and has been in the banking technology industry ever since. He has three children.

**Eileen Farrell Dunnion '77** is happily married with two boys, ages 8 and 11. She works as a registered nurse at The Hebrew Home for the Aged in Riverdale. She went to Ireland last summer.

**Denise Leonard Marks '77** is married with two children, ages 13 and 17. She lives in Tinton Falls, NJ, and works for the school district.

**Maritza Palacios Tribuzio '78** is a special education teacher at Greenwich High School in Connecticut, currently teaching reading to students with learning disabilities. She lives in Westchester County with her husband Joe and their six children. They recently became grandparents.

**Fanda Elezovic '79** lived in the city until about three years ago. She is an accountant who spends a lot of time traveling, recently spending five weeks in the Caribbean. She lives in Hopewell Junction, NY, and is pursuing her MBA.

**James Seda '79** moved away in seventh grade and currently lives in Elizabethtown, KY. He remembers being on the basketball team when they won a championship.

**Al Morales '80** attended the Inter-American University in Puerto Rico on a full basketball scholarship and ended up playing in the PR professional basketball leagues. He retired in 1994 and came back to the Heights where he coached at St. E's with his dad. He currently manages a sports facility in Brewster, NY, and has a daughter (14) and a son (7).

**Steven Velasquez '80** says "St. Elizabeth was the best of the best," and says that he is 40 now and life is good.

**Jiovanis Vargas Irizarry '85** lives in Viera, FL, where she moved two months before 9/11, with her husband Richard. She works in the medical field, pursuing a degree in radiology technology, has a step-son and a dog.

**Evelyn Peralta Iturbides '85** is a school secretary for the New York City Department of Education where she has been for eight years. She has been married for 12 years and has a son (11) and a daughter (5) who attend St. Elizabeth School.

**Jesus Rodriguez '86** is single and has worked for the New York City Police Department for the last eight years, currently in the Community Affairs Unit.

**Robert Medrano '88** graduated from Fordham University in 1996 and received a master's of science from Manhattanville College in 2006. He works for the Admissions Office of the Art Institute of New York, and has been married for five years. His wife recently gave birth to their first child.

**Yvette Murillo '88** is a pediatric registered nurse at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. She has a beautiful eight-month-old daughter and is completing her master's degree as a family nurse practitioner at LIU.

**Karol Rodriguez '89** is a collections manager in Miami, FL, married with two beautiful children. She is also attending Broward Community College to acquire her paralegal degree.

**Jeffrey Martinez '91** is an office manager at a Manhattan high school and a guitarist for a New York City band called "Desolate."

**Rigoberto Martinez '91** and his wife celebrated the birth of their first child, a boy, in June 2006. A resident of the Bronx, he recently accepted a position as staff attorney for the New York City Housing Authority.

**Christina Wendt Cruz '93** lives in Mount Vernon, NY, and is preparing to start her Ph.D. next year.

**Juliza Ramirez Wylie '93** of Louisville, KY, had a baby in 2005

and is currently finishing her five-year tour in the U.S. Army.

**Tracy Murillo Solivan '94** lives in New York City, has been married for four years and has two adorable children.

**Jason Savinon '95** graduated from Mount St. Michael and played basketball at Sacred Heart College in Connecticut for two years. He is currently pursuing his degree at City College in New York.

**Tiffany Aracena '96** of the Bronx recently got in touch with classmate **Michelle Blandino '96** after many years, through our Office of Development.

**Cassandra Ortiz '97** of Buffalo, NY, received her bachelor's degree in anthropology in May 2006 and is going on to graduate school to earn her doctorate so that she can conduct her own research in archaeology.

**Daniel Soto '97** lives in Kearney, NJ, and attended St. E's until the fifth grade, when he moved with his family.

**Franklin Diaz '98** graduated from Mount St. Michael Academy and is currently studying and playing baseball at Long Island University.

**Luisa Sosa '98** recently graduated from The College of the Holy Cross with a bachelor's degree in political science and a concentration in peace and conflict studies. She is started his master's degree in mass communications at the University of London, England.

**Marjorie Prado '99** attended Mount St. Ursula and is a senior at Pace University in Connecticut. She was named to the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference Women's Basketball Second Team during the 2005-06 season.

**Dalilia Garcia '02** attends City College, and helped Aquinas High School to the State Basketball Championship in the spring of 2006.

**Alinca Hamilton '02** graduated from Aquinas High School and attends Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh.

**Idelissa Lluveres '02**, also an Aquinas graduate, was named to the New York Daily News All-Bronx Girls' Basketball Team in 2005.

**Christopher DeLaRosa '03** attends All Hallows High School. He was named MVP of the Five-Star Basketball Camp at Fordham University in 2006.

**Brittney McGuinn '04** attends Mother Cabrini High School and is in the school's drum core.

*Note: You can contact many of these classmates and more by visiting our website at [www.stelznyc.org/alumemail.asp](http://www.stelznyc.org/alumemail.asp), which is a list of alumni email addresses.*

### ✠ ✠ *In Memoriam* ✠ ✠

**John Geary '41**, brother of **Mary Geary McLaughlin '45** and **Harold Geary '40** - October 8, 2006

**Joseph Short '47**, husband of **Maureen O'Sullivan Short '54** and brother of **Nancy Short VanHorne '49** - December 4, 2006

Mary Lyons, mother of **Patricia Lyons Ycre '64**, **Jeremiah Lyons '66** and **James Lyons '67** - January 21, 2007

**Kurt Klebert '67**, brother of **Roseann Klebert Gonzalez '69** and **Andrea Klebert Baez '74** - 1974

Theresa Grix Elsesser, mother of **James '69**, **Lorraine '66** and **Joan '75 Elsesser**, and **Lenore Elsesser Rodriguez '74** - June 29, 2006

**Carlos Corton '70** - October 26, 2006

**Sylvia Irizarry '73** - June 2003

## New Law Encourages Gifts from IRA

You may wish to take advantage of a new law that allows donors age 70 1/2 and older to withdraw up to \$100,000 each year from their individual retirement accounts (IRAs) tax free if they give the money directly to a 501c3 charity, like St. Elizabeth School. We received one such generous gift in the fall.

A formal Planned Giving Program for St. Elizabeth School was established last year. Planned Gifts carry **many benefits for the donor**, allowing you, and not the states in which you reside, to determine where your money and property goes. They may also provide *income, capital gains and estate tax savings*. And, of course, planned gifts allow a legacy for the school, providing it with *substantial income to aid it in continuing its mission*.

The most common and easiest way to plan a legacy is through a **bequest in your Will**, and should always be done with the assistance of an attorney. The following language would be used:

*"I give to St. Elizabeth School, 612 West 187th Street, New York, NY 10033, \$\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate (or stock), to be used for its general purposes."*

There are several other vehicles that provide benefits both for the school and the donor, including charitable gift annuities, charitable lead trusts, and charitable remainder trusts, some of which provide income for the donor during his or her own lifetime.

One of our own St. Elizabeth School alumni who is a financial planner has volunteered his time to answer questions on planned giving for his classmates, before they take the next steps with their own advisers. For more information, please call (212) 568-7291, ext. 13, or email the school at [officedev@steliznyc.org](mailto:officedev@steliznyc.org).

## New Skateboarding Club



*Father Peter Pomposello, pictured above, of St. Elizabeth Parish has established a Skateboarding Club this school year, which has become quite popular. The students practice in the school gym and outdoor courtyard.*

## Peace Garden Work Continues

With an additional gift of \$40,000 from The Barrett Foundation in December and good weather in New York, work on the Memorial Peace Garden has commenced and will go on throughout the summer. Included in the plans are replacement of the fence, masonry work, and installation of new benches and planters incorporating the engraved bricks purchased by alumni and friends. Father Joseph Sanches '53 was instrumental in obtaining the grant.

Alumni may still wish to purchase bricks and make donations to support Phase III of the project, which will include lighting.

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## Stay in Touch: Send Us Your Email Address!

St. Elizabeth School publishes a monthly e-newsletter, featuring information about alumni and school news and events. To be added to the list, please complete the form below and send it in. **Also, you may need to set your email service's spam blocker to receive mail from [officedev@steliznyc.org](mailto:officedev@steliznyc.org).** (If we already have your email address and you haven't been receiving the newsletter, this is probably the reason.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Our website includes an alumni email directory at [www.steliznyc.org/alumemail.asp](http://www.steliznyc.org/alumemail.asp). Check here if you would like your email address to be added to the directory: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail to:** Office of Development, St. Elizabeth School, 612 West 187th Street, New York, NY 10033

## ***Help Support the School While You Shop***

There are many ways to assist the school with no additional cost to you. For more information on all of these options, go to our website at [www.steliznyc.org/otherways.asp](http://www.steliznyc.org/otherways.asp).

The next time you need wrapping paper, bows, chocolates, books and magazines, stationery, etc., go to the Innisbrook Company at [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com). The school will receive 50% of all orders placed! Simply type in our school ID #108891.

Through the **Office Depot 5% Back to Schools Program**, the store will donate 5% of every purchase to the school of your choice, for school supplies. Simply give the cashier our ID # 70074191.

If you have Verizon long distance service, you can enroll in the **Verizon Extra Credit for Schools Program** at <http://www22.verizon.com/foryourhome/ExtraCredit/enrolled.asp> to have 5% of your spending donated to St. Elizabeth School. On the enrollment page, type in our zip code (10033) and select St. Elizabeth as your recipient school. If you are a Verizon employee, they will match your contribution.

Among other ways to give back to the school is the **Target School Fundraising Program**. Apply for a Target credit card, designate St. Elizabeth School (ID #10917) as a recipient of your Target Visa points and they will donate money for technology, programs and student services.

Finally, if you live near the school, drop off your **General Mills Box Tops For Education**. These coupons can be found on the top of General Mills products (Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Green Giant and Progresso products, as well as other brands).

### **Students Publish School Newspaper**



*Students recently produced their first edition of the school newspaper, The Student Voice. Pictured left to right are Jhairie Aguilar, Lucien Liz-LePioriz (Editor), and Diana Figueroa.*

### **Police Dog Visits Class**



*Sixth grade teacher Mr. Jason Borsella recently welcomed his uncle Sgt. Anthony Borsella of the Pelham Police Department, to visit his class and demonstrate for his students the role a police dog plays as member of the police force.*

### **Technology Program Update**

In addition to the 15 new computers for the classrooms donated by Siemens Corporation (see page 3), the school's Technology Program continues to grow.

The school will receive a set of 20 T1 84 scientific calculators and an overhead screen module from the New York City Department of Education. They will be used for the implementation of the school's Title IID Grant, which is sponsored by the New York State Department of Education and involves distance learning opportunities for students across all curriculum areas.

This grant also provided invaluable professional development opportunities for administrators and teachers.

Technology Director Mr. Edward Fener leads the school's Technology Club, a group of 18 students who help maintain computer hardware, provide support for teachers and students, and create their own projects. They recently created a film using equipment supplied by the Title IID Grant.

Students and teachers continue to use the laptop computers obtained through two grants from the Beaumont Foundation, and hope to raise money to bring our total to 32, so that each student would have access to a laptop in the classroom.

*Please see the enclosed envelope  
to make a gift  
to the Annual Appeal.*

## Can You Help? Our Wish List

- 1. Tuition Assistance** for parents who are sending their children to St. Elizabeth School, through our Sponsor a Student Program.
- 2. Water Fountain for Gym** - \$1,900
- 3. Smart Board System** - \$7,000  
This new instructional technology would make it possible for students to participate in interactive lessons.
- 4. Development of Peace Garden (Phase II)**
  - benches and trees - \$500 each
  - complete the resurfacing of the space with safety flooring - estimates being taken
- 5. Laptop Computers** - 12 at \$1000 each  
Supplementing recent grants we have received, these would be shared among classrooms, and would allow students to work on their own computer in the classroom, enhancing learning.
- 6. Statues for the Classrooms** - \$250 each  
Each classroom has a statue of a saint, from when the new building first opened. Ten statues need replacements, as they are worn with age.
- 7. Sponsor an Enrichment Program** - \$300 per child per year for each student participating  
The operating budget does not cover the expense of Choir, Dance, Drama, and Sports.

*For more information on how to contribute, please contact the Office of Development at 212-568-7291, extension 13, or email [officedev@steliznyc.org](mailto:officedev@steliznyc.org). More information is available at [www.steliznyc.org/wishlist.asp](http://www.steliznyc.org/wishlist.asp). God bless you for your support!*

*We Educate the Whole Child  
for a Full Life*

### *Help Us Locate "Missing" Classmates*

We are currently trying to update our database for future events. Please check our list of "missing alumni" on the website at [www.steliznyc.org/alummissing.asp](http://www.steliznyc.org/alummissing.asp) to see if you recognize any friends or family members on the list.

## *CYO Basketball*



*The 2006-2007 season wrapped up with the Annual Faculty-Student Basketball Game, with the faculty winning 35-17. Players are pictured above.*

*Thank you to our coaches, Athletics Director Michael O'Boyle and his assistant coach Mr. Richard Solis (Varsity and Junior Varsity Girls), and Ms. Justine Clifford and her assistant coach Mr. Ruben Segui (Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys).*

## **Cardinal's Scholarships Available for New Students**

St. Elizabeth School was recently notified that additional Cardinal's Scholarships will be available for the 2007-2008 school year. Available to new students entering the school, these scholarships already allow over 60 students to receive a St E's education.

A few spaces are still available for students in kindergarten through grade seven.

These opportunities are sponsored by the Inner-City Scholarship Fund, The Endowment for Inner-City Education, and the Children's Scholarship Fund.

### *Attention Young Alumni from the 1990s and 2000s*

Are you still receiving your copy of *Hope in the Heights* at your parents' address? Please help us update our records by emailing us your current address to [officedev@steliznyc.org](mailto:officedev@steliznyc.org).