

News

SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES HIGH SCHOOL

SPRING 2008

Annual Fund Raiser in High Gear!

Last year we celebrated Saint Martin de Porres High School's fourth year in operation at our Birthday Bash in May. With the generous support of many, we raised over \$200,000! This year's celebration, "Pomp and Circumstance" will be on Saturday, May 10, 2008. We will be celebrating our first graduating class!

As we begin to prepare for this year's event, we need your help. We are looking for donations for use in our silent and live auctions as well as sponsorships. Your generous gift of an item, services, gift basket or sponsorship will be helping our students and their families create a better life through education.

All gifts and sponsorships will be recognized in our printed materials. By supporting our 5th Annual Birthday Bash you will be helping students discover that when an excellent education and a creative business model meet, there are no boundaries.

Please visit our website at www.saintmartincleveland.org and click on the link to our event website to purchase tickets and view auction items. Please contact Beth Wiblin at (216)881-1689 ext. 323 for further information or to donate an item. Your support of our annual fundraiser strengthens our mission of transforming Cleveland one student at a time.



"Mr. Reliable" gets it done for Forest City

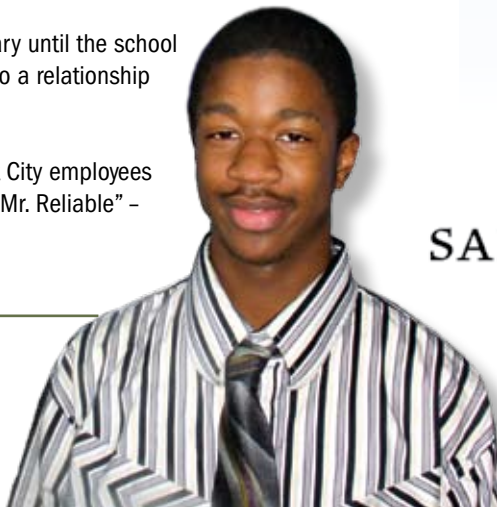
Forest City Enterprises, a national real estate developer with offices across the country, is one of many Cleveland companies who have partnered with local schools to improve education in Ohio.

Forest City partnered with Thomas Jefferson Elementary until the school closed in 2004. After that, Forest City transitioned into a relationship with Saint Martin de Porres' work study program.

In the first year of the company's participation, Forest City employees would meet a student they would soon come to call "Mr. Reliable" - Carlous Kern.

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Mission

Saint Martin de Porres High School is Christ's enterprise dedicated to transforming urban Cleveland one student at a time.

Vision

We are committed to the values:
Work, Study, Serve, Lead, Pray

Means

- An innovative college preparatory curriculum rooted in the development of habits of mind and spirit.
- A unique partnership with the business community reflected in our Corporate Work Study Program.
- A caring, Catholic community.

Please send questions or comments regarding the newsletter to Beth Wiblin at bwiblin@stmdphs.org.



SAINT MARTIN
DE PORRES *High School*

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Calendar of Events

Meet and Greet	April 29
Parent Appreciation Night	May 8
5th Annual Birthday Bash	May 10
Meet and Greet	May 13
Senior Prom	May 16
CWSP Luncheon	May 19 & 20
Meet and Greet	June 3
Baccalaureate Mass	June 5
Graduation	June 7
Meet and Greet	June 17

Welcome Aboard

Diana Novak,
CWSP Sales and Employer Relations

Offices move into White House

We are excited to announce that the Saint Martin de Porres High School campus is expanding! We have purchased a house located on the same block as the school on East 60th Street which will become the new space for President Richard Clark as well as the Advancement and Finance Departments. Executive Vice President Thomas Bennett will split his time between the school and the new location. The Business Office and CWSP offices will remain in the main school building. The new space has been named the “White House” (even though it is actually green), since the school’s President will be located in the new space. Does anyone know where we can get a doorbell that rings out “Hail to the Chief”?

Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

Spring is coming! Sometimes the snow gets in the way, but it really is coming. This Lenten season has been very fruitful for our staff.

We went to our second Board and staff retreat this year at Ursuline College. In the rhythm of the school year, February and early March, can really be low points. We came together and were revitalized! The day was capped off when Lisa Ritchie, math teacher; and Tom Kerrigan, Jesuit volunteer, were commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers at our Mass at the end of the day.

Our new sign on St. Clair Avenue proudly broadcasts 92% of our senior class as already accepted into four-year colleges! We all are extremely hopeful that it will say 100% by the end of the year.

With spring, comes our annual Birthday Bash! This event has become quite the party. We will have 400 people at our school enjoying a great meal, tremendous fun, and the excitement of a live auction. Space is limited so please make your reservations soon.

Finally, please keep June 5 and June 7 free on your calendars. June 5th will be our first baccalaureate Mass at the Cathedral of St. John and June 7th will be the inaugural graduation at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair. For those of you who were with us at the first-ever gathering of our supporters at our “Birth Announcement” party—it was at the Slovenian National Home. It is only fitting that we finish our first four year journey where it began back in May of 2004.

Our school wishes you a most holy and happy Easter to you and yours. God Bless.

— Richard F. Clark

Seniors are on their way!

We have made it through our first cycle of college applications! Our seniors worked very hard and their hard work is now paying off. As of today, 100% have applied to college and 92% have been accepted. We’re still waiting for quite a few decisions and anticipate many more acceptances. Our seniors have applied and been accepted to a wide range of schools in both the public and private systems. Some have received scholarship offers and more than half have already filed their financial aid paperwork. They are now realizing that a task much tougher than applying is approaching ... choosing a school!

Members of the Class of 2008 have been accepted to:

Jesuit Colleges and Universities

Canisius College (Buffalo, NY)
John Carroll University
Loyola University Chicago
St. Peter’s College (Jersey City, NJ)
St. Xavier University (Chicago, IL)
Xavier University (Cincinnati, OH)

Ohio State Universities

University of Akron
Bowling Green State University
Cleveland State University
Kent State University
Ohio University

University of Toledo
Wright State University

Private Colleges and Universities

Ashland University
Baldwin-Wallace College
Cabrini College (PA)
Valparaiso University (IN)
Westminster College (PA)

Other State Colleges and Universities

SUNY Oswego
Arizona State University East
Cuyahoga Community College, Metropolitan Campus

Spotlighting a Student

Carlous Kern



When Carlous Kern started high school he was part of an elite group of students: the first class of Saint Martin de Porres High School. Four years later, Carlous looks forward to graduation day with mixed emotion. “The best part of Saint Martin de Porres High School is the community and all the people in it, and the senior class has really learned to stick together,” said Carlos. “I’m looking forward to getting on my own, although my mom isn’t looking forward to it.”

When asked what his friends would say about him, he laughed and said, “They’d say I was funny, cool, outgoing and a peacemaker.”

All four years of his Corporate Work Study job has been spent at Forest City Enterprises. “I started as a file clerk and have been given more opportunities and responsibilities over the years. I really enjoy the people I work with, they’ve been great,” he explains.

The teacher that sticks out in his mind the most is Social Studies teacher, John Fay. “Mr. Fay really goes beyond what he is supposed to do as a teacher and he makes the subject interesting.” Carlos’ favorite subject is English. “I’m strong in writing and would take writing over math any time.”

In the past, Carlous has been a member of both the basketball and track teams. He is currently a member of the Prom Committee.

While he has made many friends both at school and during his time at Forest City Enterprises, he is ready to open a new chapter in his life. That chapter will be taking him to Wright State University in the fall to major in Electronics and Computer Technology. Congratulations and best of luck, Carlous!

‘Mr. Reliable’ gets it done for Forest City ... continued from pg 1

Kern, a senior graduating in May, has worked at Forest City all four years during high school. As a freshman, he worked in the Payroll and Residential departments, setting up and organizing files.

In his sophomore year, Kern took on an important role in the company’s Benefits department. He worked under tight, federally mandated deadlines to process benefits notifications.

Penny Koepp, Kern’s supervisor, gave him the “Mr. Reliable” nickname for meeting deadlines.

“This work is on a strict time line, but we knew we could trust Carlous to get it done. He would come in on his scheduled days, go right to his files, and get to work,” she said.

Forest City placed their highest confidence in Kern, who was given access to the company’s internal computer network and trusted to deal with sensitive personnel information.

“He gained a lot of confidence and knew his job well enough to question anything he thought may not be correct,” said Chuck Liebenauer, Manager of Benefits for Forest City.

“With Carlous, you kind of forget sometimes that he’s only in high school. He’s a critical thinker a tremendous asset to our company.”

In addition to all the help he has provided to Forest City, Carlous has become a role model to his younger classmates who have come in after him.

“He’s proven himself to be an extraordinary individual and a great leader,” said Minta Monchein, Vice President for Human Resources at Forest City. “The world should expect fabulous things from him one day.”

Spotlighting an Employee

Kim Mantia

Kim Mantia joined the Saint Martin de Porres High School family just a few months ago, but her impact on the school community has been big. "I love meeting new people and can't imagine doing any work that isn't making a difference," she explained.

Kim comes to us with a background in fundraising, event planning and the development of various community programs. As an Associate Director of Advancement, Kim's first responsibility is the planning of our annual Birthday Bash. "My favorite thing about Saint Martin de Porres High School is the opportunity to make a difference in lives of young people and the city of Cleveland. I also love the Christ-centered environment in which we work."

Kim's involvement with the school goes beyond the Advancement Department. She acted as a chaperone when a group of twelve students joined in the "March for Life" in Washington, D.C. on January 22nd. "It was a thrill to see Washington through our student's eyes." Also, as a certified yoga instructor, Kim is eager to teach a class after school for students, faculty and staff who wish to learn the art of relaxation and meditation.

Kim is the mother of four children and the proud grandmother of Cannon. She resides in a beautiful century home in Grafton. We are so pleased that she has joined our family and look forward to her creative input to the school community.



Everyone got into the Spirit of Things!

A great winter pick-me-up, Spirit Week, was once again enjoyed by students, faculty and staff.

Each day of the week had a different theme. "Twin Day" had students and their friends dressing alike for a day and there was "Wear Your Class Color" day. The all-time favorite was Backwards/Tacky Day when students dressed silly. We also

showed our spirit with "Wear your Saint Martin de Porres High School Gear", a day on which even the coveted hoodie was allowed for the day! The best part of the week was the rowdy Student vs. Faculty/Staff basketball game. This was the first year the student team took home the win. It was a hard fought game with the final score of 42-43. The students still haven't let the faculty and staff live it down!



Saint Martin de Porres High School *students “March for Life”* *in Washington D.C.*

Wow, what a trip! On January 22, 2008, twelve students and four faculty/staff from Saint Martin de Porres High School observed the 35th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade by marching for life in our nation’s capitol.

The group withstood the cold and many miles as they marched with thousands from around the country for one purpose: to support the right to life of the unborn. They chanted, they prayed, and they sang songs like “Lean on Me” as they walked to the Supreme Court. The students were amazed at the sheer numbers of people in D.C., the city itself, and the feeling of being a part of a cause bigger than themselves.

The group rode a chartered “red eye” bus through the night along with students from Saint Ignatius High School. They arrived in time to participate in the Youth Mass for Life

at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception before riding the Metro into Washington and joining the March.

The participants were Mr. Pete Range, theology teacher, Ms. Kim Mantia, Associate Director of Advancement, Ms. Allison McCarthy, Jesuit volunteer for Counseling and Mr. Tom Kerrigan, Jesuit volunteer for Admissions. Students included freshman Samantha Newton, sophomores David Garber, Na-Te King, River Onwudinjo, and Francisco Juarez, juniors Ariel Garcia, Marc Moore, Caroline Cruz, Lyla Wakut, and Kevhonna Roberts and seniors Samantha Musser and Christian Bell.



Honor Roll *(High Honors)*

Dominique Aaron, 12th grade	4.0
Teresa Arteaga, 9th grade	4.0
Eva French, 12th grade	4.1
Kallie Krawczonek, 12th grade	4.3
Paul Heidenreich, 9th grade	4.3
Shirley Jordan, 10th grade	4.0
Abigail Mrozek, 11th grade	4.3
Samantha Musser, 12th grade	4.2
Samantha Newton, 9th grade	4.1
Heiry Perez, 9th grade	4.1
Ariel Powell, 10th grade	4.3
Adele Schumann, 11th grade	4.2
Shawnetta Stephens, 9th grade	4.1
Kiara Williams, 12th grade	4.1
Tiana Wilson, 9th grade	4.0
Angela Wootan, 11th grade	4.3

Honor Roll

Ja'nay Bankston, 10th grade	3.7
Christopher Barnes, 10th grade	3.5
Rosuesila Birt, 10th grade	3.8
Greg Brooks, 9th grade	3.7
Briana Buckhalter, 11th grade	3.6
Richie Capeles, 12th grade	3.5
Julius Clark, 12th grade	3.8
Delia Crawford, 11th grade	3.7
Isabel DeRoberts, 11th grade	3.7
Kasondra Drake, 12th grade	3.9
Tyeasha Doss, 10th grade	3.5
Stephanie Dugan, 12th grade	3.9
LaDonna Duncan, 10th grade	3.9
Shawnta Eberhardt, 10th grade	3.5
Mercedes Engle, 9th grade	3.9
Cierra English, 12th grade	3.6
Sasha Fatica, 10th grade	3.5
David Garber, 10th grade	3.8
Una Ilisinovic, 11th grade	3.9
Monica Johnson, 12th grade	3.9
Chantelle Lemon, 9th grade	3.8
Jasmyne Lewis, 11th grade	3.6
Renee Makupson, 11th grade	3.7
Stephen Miller, 11th grade	3.6
Maggie Mrozek, 12th grade	3.8
River Onwudinjo, 10th grade	3.8
Alexus Proctor, 9th grade	3.6
Dawn Ramsey, 10th grade	3.7
Amanda Rasheed, 12th grade	3.6
Keyoni Rates, 12th grade	3.5
Denver Robertson, 9th grade	3.7
Indira Samuels, 10th grade	3.9
Lynda Scott, 9th grade	3.8
Jeffrey Simms, 11th grade	3.8
Matthew Smith, 9th grade	3.7
Autumn Stewart, 10th grade	3.5
Jamie Sweeney, 12th grade	3.5
Lyla Wakut, 11th grade	3.6
Sunni Wenson, 11th grade	3.9
Charlene Williams, 10th grade	3.9
Javier Woodall, 10th grade	3.7

Bits & Pieces

Good Luck

The entire Saint Martin de Porres High School community wishes Associate Director of Advancement, Bernadette Boguski, the best of luck in her new position at Womankind, Inc. Bernadette has brought our advancement efforts to new levels in fundraising and marketing. She will be missed

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Bowling team hits the lanes!

Hip-Hip Hooray to the Saint Martin de Porres High School bowlers for promoting community and finishing the season with 6 wins and 5 losses. Way to go!

Did you know bowling is one of the fastest growing sports in high school? One of the reasons for its popularity is that students can bowl regardless of their ability or skill level. Participants are socially engaged, competitive and are part of a team. Bowling is an excellent noncontact sport that offers students a safe, clean and supervised environment. It also promotes diversity and community among its participants and serves as an incentive for students to pursue higher grades and appropriate behavior.



Freshmen Imani Anderson (left) and Maiya Dent (right)

Thanks to the Students Acknowledged for Volunteer Service

Ninth graders Maiya Dent and Imani Anderson were recently recognized for their outstanding volunteer service to the community. Maiya was named the school's volunteer of the year in the 2008 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program and Imani received a Certificate of Merit for her volunteer community service. Sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the awards recognize outstanding community service by young Americans. Both Maiya and Imani participated in City Year, by involving themselves in a variety of service projects including tending a volunteer garden, making baskets for the homeless and serving meals at a soup kitchen.



New Athletic Logo Unveiled

A special thanks to Gretchen Kirchner and Karl Rund of gakDesign in Chicago, IL for their time and talent in designing our new athletic logo. The logo is already being used on team sportswear and will be available for purchase on our soon to be open, on-line web store. Go Lions!

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Coming Soon!

Want to show your Lion pride? Soon you'll be able to purchase Saint Martin de Porres High School sportswear and other related items from our webstore! We are close to having the webstore up and running. Visit our website at www.saintmartincleveland.org for updates.

Science Grant Awarded

The Cleveland Catholic Diocese awarded Saint Martin de Porres High School a \$2,100 Bruening Foundation grant for digital probe equipment and software. Students can now make scientific measurements such as distance, velocity, temperature and mass, load the data into a laptop computer and analyze the results. Thanks to the Diocese and Foundation for their generosity, and Sr. Muller, resource coordinator and Mrs. Prichard-Silvers, science teacher for writing the grant request.

Student wins Dominion's Strong Men and Women essay contest

Congratulations to senior Julius Clark who was one of two Cleveland area students honored at this year's *Dominion Strong Men and Women: Excellence in Leadership program*.

Each year the company highlights the achievements of outstanding African Americans and invites high school juniors and seniors to submit an essay on one of the people highlighted. Julius wrote about Fannie Lou Hamer, who in the early 60s boarded a bus with 17 others to Indianola to register to vote. Ms. Hamer was "sick and tired of being sick and tired" over the way her culture was being mistreated and deprived.

For his essay, Julius was recognized at a special reception preceding Black History Month, received a laptop computer and a \$1,000 cash reward was given to Saint Martin de Porres High School. In addition, Julius and the high school received a commemorative plaque of the essay. Congratulations also to Alexis Crosby of Glennville High School who was recognized for her interview with Ida B. Wells-Barnett.



From left to right: Saint Martin de Porres High School President Richard Clark pictured with Alexis Crosby, Glennville High School and Julius Clark, Saint Martin de Porres High School

Visitor's Section

Mark Altieri, Kent State University
 Hilary Aurand, Virginia Marti College of Art & Design
 Doug Baldwin, Smart Solutions
 Rob Barr, Smart Solutions
 Ben & Carlyn Basham
 Fr. Bill Behringer, St. Aloysius-St. Agatha
 Debralyn Brown, Detroit Cristo Rey
 Lisa Brown, University Hospitals
 Elizabeth Bruml, Robert and Cynthia Bruml Philanthropy Foundation
 Hugh Calkins, Relationship Academy
 Kim Campbell, M.Ed., Mount Carmel College of Nursing
 Dirk Cappo, Detroit Cristo Rey
 Tom Chema, Hiram College
 Joe Cimperman, Councilman Ward 13
 George Coakley, Reminger & Reminger
 Elizabeth Colagrass, Awesome Wares, Inc
 Christopher Conner, Sherwin-Williams
 Marina Corleto Friedman, Case Western Reserve University
 Abed Darwish, AXA Advisors
 Alicia Davin, LaRoche College
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 Christopher Dawson, University Hospitals
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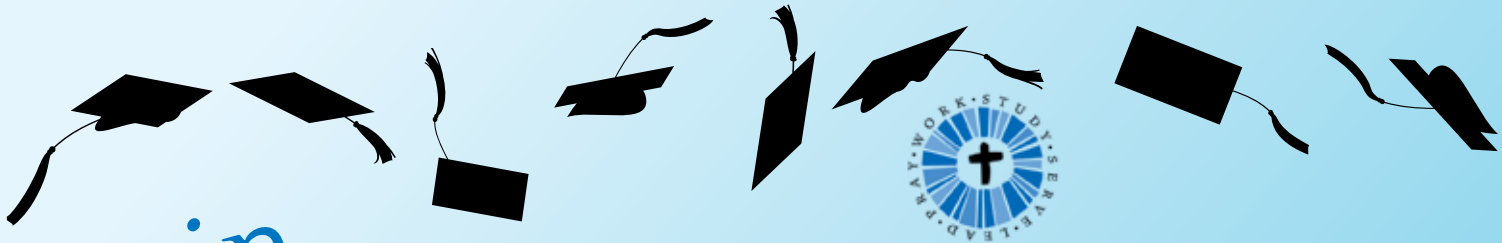
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