



Happenings

News from Hill-Murray School



President For A Day

The “President” Takes the Podium

Sophomore Jonathan Dolezal (l) introduces his “cabinet” who assisted him in his work as “President for a Day” on December 19. From l to r: Dolezal, Dr. Susan Paul, John Blanda, Sam Rustad, Sam Matuga, Garrett Myers, Seyoung Cha and Peter Albrecht. Jonathan was the lucky recipient of an auction item purchased by his grandparents John and Mary Wren at last year’s Pioneer Premier Auction. On the flip side, Dr. Paul took on the role of student, attending Jonathan’s usual classes. Before taking office, Jonathan addressed students, faculty and staff after Mass on December 8. He told them

that with the roles reversed, “Dr. Paul will get to see what it’s like to be a student here...and how hard it is,” a comment that brought quite a chuckle from his constituents. President Dolezal’s agenda included playing rock music during class passing time, Thai Noodle Bowls for lunch and Rice Krispies Treats for all. What is the best part of taking on the role of President for a Day? “Being in charge,” said Jonathan. The candy dish Dr. Paul keeps on her desk is a close second, he agreed. The next President for a Day will be determined when the auction item is offered again at the next **Pioneer Premier Auction** on April 28.

Parents: Let Your Voice Be Heard

Principal David Meyer’s newly-formed Student Advisory Council has been such a success, the program is now being offered to parents.

The students meet once a month with Mr. Meyer to share their perceptions of daily life at Hill-Murray and exchange ideas on current issues. A parent version of that group is now being

created. The Parent Advisory Group will meet the last Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. beginning January 30.

If you would be willing to serve on the council, please complete the form available on our website www.hill-murray.org and click on Academics, then Letter from the Principal. Or, contact Mr. Meyer at 651-748-2404 or dmeyer@hill-murray.org.

2012

Pioneer Premier Auction

Honoring the past. Embracing today.

Saturday, April 28, 2012

\$50 per person

Join us for Hill-Murray's biggest community event and fundraiser of the year! Enjoy live and silent auctions and a few other surprises! You'll also be treated to a scrumptious menu of savory and sweet temptations throughout the evening. Watch for your invitation in March.

Get involved in the Auction today!

Do you have something to donate? It's not too early to think about how you can help. Ideas for donations include:

- tickets to sports, theater or concert events
- gift certificates for dining, golf or leisure activities
- themed baskets
- a service your business provides
- a cabin or condo getaway

You can also help by advertising in the auction program or by being an event sponsor.

Great Auction Idea: Host a Party!

Gather some friends and host a party! Pick a theme from casual to fancy. At the auction, guests can purchase a spot at your get-together and the proceeds go to a great cause – Hill-Murray students! You could offer a Mom's brunch or martini party; a Dad's garage party or fishing weekend. How about a couples' cocktail bash or a boat ride for an afternoon? The possibilities are endless!



Be a part of the **Pioneer Premier Auction** and help make this the most successful year ever. All proceeds benefit our Hill-Murray students.

Contact Judy Hajlo Schwartz at 651-748-2445 or jschwartz@hill-murray.org and let her know you can help.

Get To Know Other H-M Parents

Interested in getting to know other Hill-Murray parents in your child's class? The **Pioneer Parent Network** is a great way to connect. Contact your Class Coordinator and give them permission to contact you.

Senior Class: Jackie Furlong

furlongmj@q.com / 612-280-6158 (c)

Junior Class: Stephanie McCarthy

sruebmccarthy@msn.com / 612-940-1667 (c)

Sophomore Class: Kelly Lavers

lavers@comcast.net / 651-373-1254 (c)

Freshman Class: Ann Langer

alanger151@aol.com / 612-840-4795 (c)

Eighth-grade Class: Lori Schaefer

schaefer1900@comcast.net / 651-730-8521(h)

Seventh-grade Class: Maureen (Mo) Detviler mkrdetviler@comcast.net / 651-436-3771 (h)

Join Us For Our First Get-Together *A Wine Tasting Event*

Saturday, Jan. 28 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Hill-Murray Commons

The cost is \$20 per person

For more information, contact Stephanie McCarthy 612-940-1667 To RSVP contact Kathy Malone at 651-748-2401 or kmalone@hill-murray.org See you there!





Notice to Families Interested in applying for Hill-Murray Scholarships and/or Tuition Assistance

Applications for scholarships are available from our Main, Business and Admission offices.

Scholarships must be applied for annually even if an award is designated as renewable.

The deadline to submit an application for scholarships is firmly set for:

Saturday, January 14, 2012

Tuition Assistance applications are available online.

Please go to the Hill-Murray's web page and choose: **Parents**, then Tuition Assistance/Scholarships. This page has two links that will appear. The second link is optional and used for families that have not previously completed an application for financial aid. This worksheet will walk you through details required to complete your financial aid application with ease.

Tuition Assistance must also be applied for annually as the financial status of a family may or may not change each year. These details impact whether a family will or will not qualify for aid.

The deadline to submit an application for tuition assistance is also set for **Saturday, January 14, 2012**. However, we will accept applications after this date. Those submitted by our deadline will receive first priority in the award offers.

For Scholarship questions please contact: Denise Bates 651-748-2440.

For Financial Aid questions please contact: Terri Beran 651-748-2409

English Teacher Doug Phillips And His Writings To Travel Literary Circuit

Doug Phillips' paper, "On Making the Classroom More Menacing: Pinter for Professors" will appear in the 2011 volume of Text & Presentation, a peer-reviewed journal indexed by the Modern Language Association (MLA).

His review of Harold Bloom's critical study, "The Anatomy of Influence: Literature as a Way of Life" will appear in the Winter 2011 issue of Phi Beta Kappa's, The Key Reporter.

He will travel to the Comparative Drama Conference at Stevenson University in Baltimore MD in the spring to present his paper, "The Drama of Trauma, or the Play Isn't the Thing." The paper explores the pedagogy of indirection and psychoanalysis in dramatic literature.



Band and Choirs Perform Christmas Concert

By Margaret Pierson
Band Parent

The Hill-Murray bands, under the direction of Traci Youngs, and our choirs under the direction of Marty Windholz, performed a beautiful Christmas concert on December 1. One of the highlights of the evening

was when Frank Asenbrenner, Hill-Murray's first principal and band director, read the story of Christ's birth as the Symphonic Band played "For Unto you is Born This Day."

Mr. Asenbrenner established the band and choral programs at Hill-Murray and composed the school song, "Hail to the Pioneers!" It was a wonderful Hill-Murray 50th Anniversary moment!



Mothers Club to Hold a

Fashion Show and Tea

The Mothers Club Annual Fashion Show and Tea will be held at 1 p.m. **Sunday, February 12** at Hill-Murray. Tickets are \$23 per person or \$170 for a table of 8.

Volunteers are needed for help with food, decorating, modeling, set-up and tear-down and ushering. Please contact event chair Suzanna Schneider via email at smsd644@yahoo.com for more information or to volunteer.

The next Mothers Club meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25 in room 137.



Guidance and Counseling

Schedule Changes

Students considering a schedule change for Semester II need to make an appointment with their counselor on or before Tuesday, January 17. Students should bring to that appointment written approval from a parent/guardian for the change. Requests for specific teachers, to change teachers or hours, and those made after January 17 will not be honored.

College Planning Night

Parents of juniors are invited to "College Planning Night," which will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, January 18 in the Hill-Murray School auditorium. Featured this year will be the interpretation of the PSAT, an introduction to college planning and information on the admissions process using the College Admissions Handbook. The evening will also include a brief overview of Naviance, a web-based program designed to help students in career and college exploration.

Garofalo Scholarship Opportunity Available for H-M Students Heading to U of M

The Anthony Garofalo Scholarship Fund was established by the Garofalo family in memory of their son, Tony, a graduate of the H-M Class of 1988. This scholarship is available only to Hill-Murray seniors who are committed to pursuing a degree in the areas of science, technology, engineering or math through the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. The award is renewable for an additional three years, pending application and approval by a scholarship committee.

Applications are available through your senior's counselor and may be submitted through February 29, 2012.

Congratulations Beth Johnson and Honored Parish Schools Band Students

Three students of Hill-Murray's Parish Schools Band teacher Beth Johnson have been selected to perform at regional concerts.

St. Odilia Band students, seventh-grader Abbey Witham who plays the saxophone and sixth-grader Zoe Witham, who plays the French horn, will perform in the Minnesota Band Directors Association (MBDA) Central Regional 6-8 Honor Band. The concert will be held Saturday, January 21, 2012 at Elk River High School.

Collin Johnson, an 8th grade percussionist at St. Pius X, will perform in the MBDA Northeast Regional 6 – 8 Honor Band, Saturday, January 28, 2012 at Duluth East High School, Duluth, MN.

Check Out Our Outstanding Students

- **Students of the Month**
- **Science Wizards**
- **World Language Stars**

click on academics

- **Sports Champs**

click on athletics

on the web

Hill-Murray Peer Tutors to Sponsor Study Awareness Week January 9 -13



The Peer Tutors will write and share effective study tips with the student body via morning announcements, hold extra study group sessions and review test-taking strategies for themselves and their tutees. More than 75 students in addition to their tutors will work in the PEER Center to prepare for semester exams. The Peer Tutors work under the guidance of Colleen Jamieson.