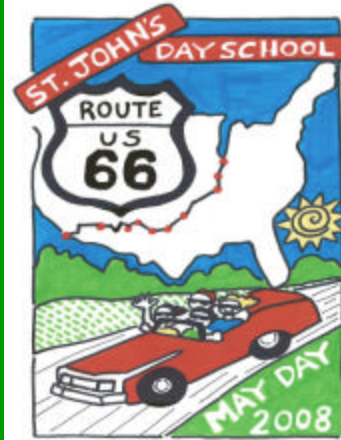


THE WAYPOLE

Route 66!



On Friday, May 2nd, St. John's Day School will present its annual May Day Program. This year's program, entitled Route 66, will take us on a trip across the U. S. A. where we will see everything from cowboys to gospel singers. Come join us as the students present the many musical styles our great country has to offer.

Suzanne Heflin

May Day Director

From the Desk of Our Headmaster

It is amazing how much can be accomplished in one year. The 2007-08 school year continues to bring improvements to our buildings. It has been rewarding to see our long-range plans and projects taking place on campus. Painting the front of the main building was challenging but successful due to the tenacious efforts of everyone.

The restoration to the front of the main building looks great, and the work has been complimented throughout our community. The new tree-house that has been added to the 1st through 6th grade playground area has been a big hit with our children. We appreciate the time, money and effort that has been spent for our children's enjoyment. Our current roofing project is underway and should be completed by the time you receive this mail-out. This summer we are making plans to continue painting the outside of the main building.

Most importantly, let us not forget our ability to stay on the cutting-edge of technology. We experimented with an Interwrite board in one of our classrooms to test its worth to teachers at our school. It has been a success and we plan to place one in each K-5 through 6th grade classroom next year. The Interwrite boards are accompanied by a laptop computer, a projector and student "clickers" to make them excellent interactive

teaching tools. These systems will be used in the classrooms to enhance and enrich instruction for students in grades K-5 through 6. After reviewing our curriculum, several changes were made to update our programs. This year the new Zanner Blosser handwriting curriculum was added to each grade level. Also, a new teacher was added to improve our physical education program.

With our growing enrollment, a new K-4 and possibly a new K-5 class will be added. I'm encouraged about the future of our school and the great influence our students will have on our society. We are building the leaders of tomorrow. I want to personally thank our parents, board members, teachers, and support staff for a job well done. None of the success we see in our students' progress would be possible without your hard work and dedication.

Ronnie Jones

Headmaster



New 1st-6th Treehouse



Interwrite System

A Few Words From Our Chairperson . . .

Spring is defined as the season of the year following winter and preceding summer. It is the time of year in which flowers bloom and the grass turns green again. It is also a time to celebrate the 58th Annual May Day-Route 66! What an adventure this last year has been at SJDS.

The 2007-08 school year started with the students arriving to fresh paint and renovation of the exterior of the school. The hard work & perseverance of the parents really showed in the final product of our facility. A brand new playground was installed for the upper grades. It includes shade, multiple slides, & a fire pole! Our school has soared to new heights with technology. It includes shade, multiple learning boards were installed in the upper grade classrooms. Five more boards will be installed next year. A brand new roof was installed on the main building this spring. Our plans are to air-condition the gym this summer. 2007-2008 has been filled with many accomplishments.

Our students are enjoying the ride of their lives. St. John's would not be what it is today without our fine students. Our children continue to excel academically & socially. I personally would like to thank our headmaster, teachers, administrative staff, parents, & board members for making 2007-2008 a great success.

Chad Harris

Parents' Club News

Parents' Club has had a busy 2007-08 year. It started with a teacher's luncheon at the home of Rosemary & Mark Norton. The teachers were given monetary gifts to assist with classroom supplies & shirts with a new St. John's Day School embroidered logo. Parents' Club also sponsored back to school night in September with cookies and lemonade, and the Headmasters breakfast every 9 weeks.

October brought the arrival of our annual fund-raiser—Eaglefest. We raised over \$30,000 for the school. With the monies raised, Parents' Club was able to provide over \$ 17,000 in Christmas bonuses to the teachers and staff. We could not have had the success we did without the help of the parents, teachers, & staff of SJDS.

In March, we celebrated teacher appreciation week. The teachers and staff received plants, monogrammed beach towels, notes of appreciation, snacks each day, and a barbeque luncheon to end the week. In addition, Parents' Club purchased 32 books from the SJDS book fair and donated them to our library in honor of our teachers and staff. During Easter week, Parents' Club created the big cross for flowering of the cross, and provided snacks and drinks for the students participating in field day.

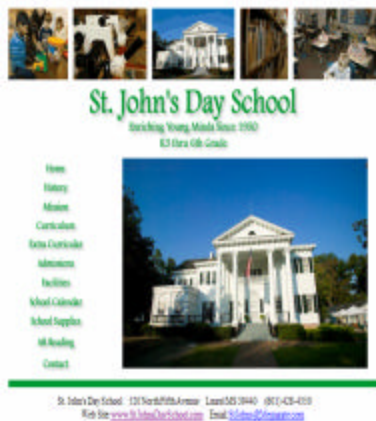
Throughout the year, Parents' Club provided coffee, drinks, & a water cooler in the teachers lounge. They also coordinated, with home room moms, snacks for the lounge each Wednesday.

It has been a pleasure and joy to serve as St. John's Day School Parents' Club President. I would like to thank the officers, Lee Wade, 1st Vice-President; Stacey Byrd-Treasurer; Angie Robison-Hospitality; Michele Rogers-Grounds; Susan Robinson-Public Relations; and Wendy Herring-Yearbook. I would also like to thank all of the Home room moms and parents who have so graciously volunteered their time throughout the year. Parents' Club could not have done it without you.

Rosemary Norton

2007-2008 Parents' Club President

www.stjohnsdayschool.com



St. John's Day School has revamped and expanded our website this school year. The site, still housed at www.stjohnsdayschool.com, now provides more than just basic information about the school and its history. The site now also contains the current school calendar and list of school supplies required by grade. In addition, The newly designed site also features new, up-to-date pictures taken by our very own Robbie Scuggs.

Extra-curricular activities are another new feature of the website, and a feature that will be further expanded with pictures and interactive information in the future. In addition, for the first time, we will be posting a "pdf" file of this Maypole newsletter on the site, as well.

It is our hope to continue to expand the information provided on the website for both the community and our parents and students at St. John's Day School.



Alumni Spotlight – Class of 2002

This year, rather than highlighting one individual alumnus, we have decided to spotlight the St. John's Day School Class of 2002. These students are all now seniors in high school. We thought it would be interesting to hear about their memories of SJDS and look forward to their plans for the future. Here are their thoughts in their own words.

Tyson Attaway. My favorite memories at St. John's were the 6th grade Kanuga trip and Mrs. Leggett's many, unsuccessful attempts to try to keep me from leaning back in my desk. The traditions like Flowering of the Cross, field day and most importantly May Day are what meant the most to me at St. John's as well as the many friends I have made through the years. Many of us have been in school together all of our lives and some of us will even be attending the same colleges. My plan for next year is to attend Mississippi State University and Major in business.

Stevens Bateman. My years at St. John's were the beginning of life long knowledge and friendship I will always have. My favorite memory of being a student at St. John's is May Day. My plans for next year are to go to Jones County Junior College.

Katie Clark. St. John's built a solid academic foundation with a strong love for learning and discovery. My favorite memory was working on the May Day choreography with D & G. I'm going to study in London in July as part of USM's British Studies - Medical Practice: Past, Present and Future. I will continue at USM in the Fall.

Mary Alice Howard. My years at St. John's Day School meant so much to me. At St. John's I made many friends; and although most of us went our separate ways after graduation, many of these friends are still my best friends today. I am so grateful to have been a part of one of the biggest classes to come through St. John's and to have had all the wonderful teachers that I had. With the one-on-one opportunities I was given, I feel that St. John's fully prepared me for my years at West Jones. My favorite memory would have to be my class's sixth grade trip to Kanuga. Even though getting to miss a week of school was great, that was not the best part. Going to Kanuga and having the whole class together one last time was the best! While at Kanuga, we white water rafted, hiked mountains, and swore we saw an albino man walk by our window one night. I had a great time on our trip and made memories that I will never forget. My plans for next year include attending Mississippi State University and major in international business.

Clay Ivey. I am very thankful for being a student at St. John's Day School because I feel that it was a very good environment for me to grow up in. I am truly appreciative of my parents for sending me to St. John's. One of my favorite memories of being a student at St. John's would have to be Mrs. Janice's delicious cooking. I especially loved the tacos!!!!!! This fall, I'm going to Mississippi State on scholarship to study Biochemistry and then on to MSU School of Veterinary Medicine.

Alexa Owens. My years at St. John's meant years of life long friendships and an opportunity to learn in a great fun environment. My favorite memory is when the boys thought it would be a good idea to make disgusting things with at least twenty things of apple sauce then as punishment they ate what they made and res rest of the applesauce tray, while the girls watched laughing. Next year, I plan to attend Mississippi State University in Starkville.

Ben Passer. It was great being in such a nurturing environment. I was always treated with kindness and respect, and everyone made me feel special. I loved Air Jam and May Day Celebrations. The trip to Camp Kanuga during our 6th grade year was especially fun. I have been accepted to the University of Kansas (Rock Chalk Jayhawk!!) where I plan to study film in the College of Fine Arts.

Erin Seidenburg. My years at St. John's Day School were very special to me. I went there from K-3 through the 6th grade and during this time I formed many lasting friendships that I still have today. I always looked forward to going to school where I felt safe and cared for by my teachers and all the staff. It was also St. John's where I was taught a love for learning that has helped me be successful through my high school years. Our class motto was 27 promises: unlimited possibilities, and I feel that through the strong foundation that we received at St. John's, we have been able to live up to these words. My favorite memory is my 6th grade trip to Kanuga. This camp was so much fun, and it allowed me a chance to bond with my classmates in a great way one more time before we graduated. I plan to attend the University of Southern Mississippi in the fall and major in forensic science with a minor in psychology.

Mary Beth Weber. My years at St. John's gave me such a great foundation with wonderful teachers and lifelong friends. It is a great feeling to be a "Niner". I have so many memories from St. John's. Making cinnamon applesauce, green eggs and ham and celebrating Mickey Mouse's birthday with Mrs. Rogers. I loved reading the BFG with Mrs. Trest and Kanuga is still one of the best trips I have ever taken! I can still remember Clay Ivey stuffing a huge roll in his mouth and laughing until I cried because it took him so long and he could barely breathe from laughing at himself. Next year, I will be attending Meridian Community College on a soccer scholarship and will be studying accounting.

Unfortunately, there were several members of the Class of 2002 from whom we were not able to obtain information. We hope they are all doing well and wish them the best for the future! The remaining members of the Class of 2002 are listed below.

Kaley Ball.

Chris Browning.

Hannah Burson.

Brandi Drew.

Kaitlyn Garvin.

Micah Green.

Lacey Kux.

Jessica Martineau.

Rebecca Masters.

Jillian McNeese.

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