

Dear Friends,

The most fitting words to begin this letter at the start of another academic year are by St. Paul in his greeting to the Thessalonians:

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, beloved by God, how you were chosen."

The words of St. Paul express my sentiments beautifully-my gratitude for your continued support of the Presentation of Mary traditions and legacy so richly found in the education that we impart to our children here at PMA.

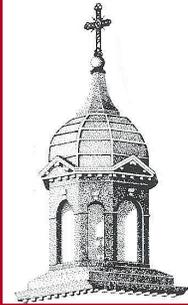
I look forward to greeting you at our OLMA/PMA reunion on October 20! Please join us! It promises to be a wonderful day!

Please do not hesitate to contact our Alumni Director, Ms. Mary McManus at mpmcmanus1@comcast.net or 603-889-6054 X207 for any alumni information.

**PMA-OLMA
Alumni Reunion
October 20, 2013,**

at PMA in Hudson, NH,
10:30 AM to 4:00 PM
This year we will be celebrating years ending in
3 and 8.

All Alumni are invited to the PMA/OLMA Reunion! We welcome in a special way graduates celebrating their 25th and 50th Anniversary from PMA/OLMA



PMA-OLMA

Alumni News

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PMA's very own Holly Boivin wins Junior Jeopardy Championship Game . Congratulations, Holly!

Who is the PMA student who was on Jeopardy? The Answer is: Who is Holly Boivin? Seventh grader Holly Boivin got a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity; she was chosen to be on the game show Jeopardy! She took an online test and then later was invited to travel to New York City for an in-person interview in December of 2012. In early January she received incredible news: she was going to be on TV! Holly told Griffin Gazette, "I was shocked, excited, and really happy, and we went to Friendly's after to celebrate." In February she flew to California to film her episode of Jeopardy! Besides filming, she went to Universal Studios Theme Park and saw the Hollywood sign! Holly told G.G. that when she was on that stage, "I was a little nervous, but I wasn't really pressured, because I just wanted to have fun and do my best." When G.G. asked her how she was able to keep a secret about whether or not she won, she replied, "It's definitely hard, but it's also fun to keep people in suspense."

HOLLY'S PERSONAL EXPERIENCE ON JEOPARDY

"When I decided to take the Jeopardy Kids Week online test last October, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. Before I knew it, I was off to New York City for an in-person audition. Once I had auditioned, I didn't really expect to hear anything from Jeopardy. After all, about 500 kids had auditioned in five different cities, and only fifteen would be picked. One day in early January, I was surprised to get a call from Sony Pictures Studios in Los Angeles. I had been picked to compete on Jeopardy Kids Week!

I was incredibly excited when the day finally came for me to compete. Jeopardy is one of my favorite TV shows, and I had always thought it would be really cool to play on it. We filmed all five Kids Week shows in one day, and I was in the audience with the other kids. I was extremely nervous sitting out there, because I didn't know which episode I would be called to play on. It wasn't until the kids for the Thursday episode were called that I knew I would be on the last show.

When I got up on stage, I was a little bit nervous, but because we had done practice games, I wasn't that scared. Once I started playing, I was too focused on what I was doing and having too much fun to pay attention to the cameras. When I came out on top at the end with \$20,700, I was thrilled beyond belief. It took a few seconds for the fact that I had just become a Jeopardy champion to sink in, and it was the best feeling I have ever had. Even if I hadn't won, it would still have been an incredible experience. I had a great time with the other contestants, and all of the people in charge were so nice.

In the six months after the taping, it was hard to keep my success a secret. I was relieved when it was finally the big day and everyone found out. Once that happened, we had a barrage of phone calls, e-mails, and text messages from our friends and family. I was interviewed by two newspapers and was invited to Nashua Mayor Donnalee Lozeau's office where I got a big surprise: a Key to the City!

It still seems amazing to me that I was chosen out of all the kids who tried out to compete. Even more amazing is the fact that I won! My Jeopardy adventure is an experience that I will always remember."



Bailey Carroll, PMA Third Grader, presents her award winning painting "Watch us from Above" to PMA

After the tragedy that took place at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, on December 14, 2012, Bailey Carroll, a student at Presentation of Mary Academy in Hudson, NH, wanted to find a way to honor the victims who lost their lives that day. Last year Bailey entered a national scholarship contest hosted by Educational Outfitters in which students would create a work of art with the main theme of their entry being Hope, Faith, and Love. This year Bailey wanted to do more than just paint a picture. She wanted everyone to see how her creation came to life. Using time-lapsed video, Bailey created the painting titled "Watch Us from Above". Follow the link to her award-winning entry for a more detailed explanation as to what the painting means to her.

[http:// www.youtube.com/watchv=ZcUMHntSKYA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZcUMHntSKYA)

PMA Faculty and Student Basketball Game

by Patrick O'Neill-7th Grader

April 5 was a wild night that included basketball games, cheerleading and a surprise performance from Sr. Maria. All of this heated up with a



basketball game between the Jr. Mites and the Mites. Then the champion PMA cheerleaders performed their winning routines. Before the game between the Boys' Cadets and the staff, Sr. Maria and some of the other sisters came out, surprising the crowd as they showed off their cheerleader moves. They were rewarded with a ten thousand dollar check from the Anderson family to help us start building a new gymnasium/auditorium.

PMA ALUMUS CLASS OF 2009 Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

The photograph shows Bridget Handy, a 2009 graduate of PMA and one of her young students. Bridget just returned from a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Our PMA school community donated \$1,000 to help make this life-changing adventure possible for her.

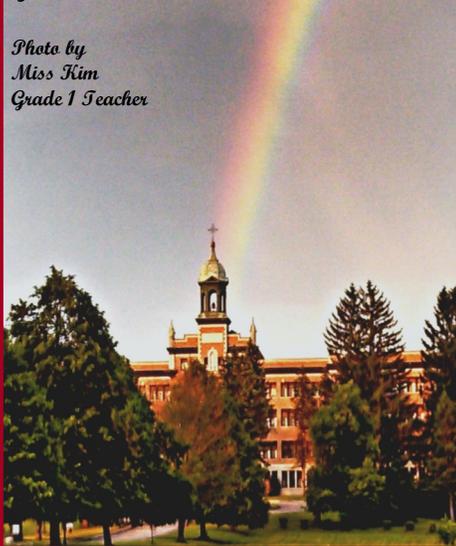


Bridget reported that twice every day she and the other volunteers made a one mile trek to the camp center where a group of eager children would be waiting for the gates to open. Bridget was a group leader, so every day she brought two groups to all the different learning stations, which were intended to improve their English skills. During their Friday recreation time, all the volunteers were able to experience Dominican and Haitian culture, when they attended market day at the border of the two countries. Her Spanish skills greatly enhanced her ability to communicate with these wonderful children!

Bridget extends her heartfelt thanks to all who supported her. "I am beyond thankful for all of you who made this life-changing adventure possible. I owe you a great deal of gratitude for your thoughtfulness, donations, and prayers. Please know that neither I nor the Lord will forget the kindness you have shown and I hope that someday I'm blessed with the opportunity to repay you in some small way for giving me one of the best weeks of my life so far."

God continues to BLESS PMA!

Photo by Miss Kim Grade 1 Teacher



Follow the daily events taking place at PMA by periodically visiting the school website, pmaschool.org. You will find the latest PMA newsletters and up-to-date information. Eventually, we will develop an OLMA/PMA Alumni link designed especially for you and your friends to keep in touch with us.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: PMA/OLMA ALUMNI REUNION OCTOBER 20, 2013, at PMA

10:30 AM Registration/Coffee and Donuts
11:00 AM Meet and greet in the student cafeteria and welcome by Sister Maria Rosa, pm
12:30 PM Dinner in the student cafeteria
2:30 PM PMA/OLMA Liturgy
3:20-4:00 PM Time to visit with friends, tour the school, meet the sisters followed by departure.
Bring your yearbooks, pictures and cameras! There will be plenty of time for photo shoots!

PMA THEN (1931-32)

PMA NOW (2012-13)



A YOUNG TEACHER ... MAKING A DIFFERENCE

For Elizabeth Anderson, a five-foot manatee, an oversized lipstick case, and a giant Hershey Kiss have become part of everyday life. These are just a few of the student projects that adorn her classroom at PMA, where she teaches Art to elementary and middle school students, and Spanish to pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade classes.

Elizabeth became a PMA faculty member in the fall of 2012, and this was the 22-year-old's inaugural academic year. She was an enthusiastic student herself, and her belief that faith and education "go hand-in-hand" was cultivated from her own experience as a product of parochial schools. Elizabeth graduated from Bishop Guertin High School and Boston University (BU), where she had a double major in Archaeology and Art History.

While at BU, Elizabeth mentored inner-city children in Boston, added a Spanish minor to her academic program to prepare for an excavation with the Belize Valley Archaeological Reconnaissance Project unearthing Mayan monuments. The following year, she attended the American University in Cairo, where she traveled and studied Islamic Art and Architecture. In Cairo, she tutored students in English.

Amid a growing trend for schools to focus on science and math, Elizabeth is adamant that the Arts are a crucial part of education: "Art and Spanish are important components to every individual's skills set. Without them, there would be holes in student reasoning and in problem solving skills. The Arts are a necessary part of a holistic education that encourages students to reach their full potential." Elizabeth continues to fulfill her personal potential and is currently enrolled at Rivier University, pursuing a Masters in Spanish Secondary Education.

Support PMA

Throughout the years, alumni, parents, faculty, staff, friends of PMA, the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, and the business community have helped sustain and advance PMA's mission through their generous support.

Your gift to PMA helps us:

- 1. Increase student financial aid through the Godparent Program.** With your support we can provide financial aid to students whose families are struggling financially and who would otherwise not be able to afford Catholic education for their children.
- 2. Enhance our educational programs, services, and resources.** All aspects of the PMA experience are enhanced as a direct result of your support. To name just a few examples, your support allows us to provide the latest technology used in the classroom and our computer labs; purchase new books for the PMA library; enhance our online resources; equip our athletic teams to ensure their competitiveness; and so much more!
- 3. Develop our facilities to meet the needs of our diverse populations.** Support of alumni and friends has allowed us to build our new Athletic Field to meet the needs of all students, as well as help us stay competitive with other schools in offering our students athletic programs. Our future plans include the building of a new auditorium large enough to accommodate the entire student body for assemblies, theatre productions, and sports programs.

How Can You Support PMA?

Memorial Gifts: You may make a gift in memory of alumni, faculty, family members, or other individuals whom you wish to honor. Memorial gifts support the essential educational mission of the school. Individuals will be recognized in the "In Memory" section of the annual gift report published in the January Newsletter.

Godparent Program: PMA provides financial aid to approximately 120 students. Increasing available financial aid dollars is critical to helping PMA students attain their dreams of a college education. The Godparent Program helps make a PMA education affordable for our students. Through the generous support of alumni, faculty, staff, and friends, these students receive financial assistance and are able to receive the gift of a strong Catholic education.

Build A Gymnasium/Auditorium-Sports and Arts Center Fund: We are in the process of raising funds to build a new Sports/Arts Center to accommodate the needs of our growing school community. Presently, we do not have a space large enough to accommodate school assemblies, plays, concerts and our own sports teams. Plans for new gymnasium/auditorium are underway and it is our hope that we will begin ground-breaking by the spring of 2015.

All cash gifts to PMA are tax deductible.

First Name _____ Maiden _____ Married _____

Please check the school you attended _____ PMA _____ OLMA Year you graduated _____

Telephone (home): _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____ Email _____

Your address: _____

Street City State Zip Code

Winter address: _____

Street City State Zip Code

Please consider making a donation to PMA to help keep the legacy of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary alive.

Memorial Gift _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ Other Gift made in Memory of _____

Godparent Gift (Financial Assistance to disadvantaged children attending PMA)

_____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$500 _____ \$5000 (full tuition) _____ Other

Build A Gymnasium/Auditorium Fund _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$500 _____ Other

All for God, All through Holy Love.

You are Cordially invited to attend the
2013 OLMA/PMA Alumni Reunion On October 20, 2013
at
Presentation of Mary Academy
182 Lowell Road
Hudson, NH 03051

This year we will be celebrating years ending in 3 and 8.

Please RSVP no later than October 1, 2013

**Lodging Information
for 2013
Alumni Reunion**

Hampton Inn
407 Amherst Street
Nashua (603) 883-5333

Holiday Inn
9 Northeastern Boulevard,
Nashua (603) 888-1551

Radisson
11 Tara Boulevard,
Nashua (603) 967-9033

PMA-OLMA REUNION REGISTRATION FORM
Please return in the enclosed envelope by **October 1, 2013**

First Name _____ Maiden _____ Married _____

Spouse's Name _____ Please check the school you attended ___ PMA ___ OLMA

Year you graduated _____ Telephone (home): _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Your address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Winter address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

E-Mail Address: _____

Dinner Cost: \$35.00 per person

Please make all checks payable to **Presentation of Mary Academy OLMA/PMA**

\$35p/p _____ Sponsor a Sister \$10 _____ Friend/Spouse \$35p/p _____

Dinner Fee for Presentation of Mary Sisters, PMA Alums presently attending high school or college : \$10.00

Please note that we are no longer collecting dues for the Alumni Office. However, we appreciate any donation you can make to keep the PMA/OLMA legacy alive and well. Thank you!