

APRIL 2009

CALENDAR, NEWS AND NOTES

THE TRANSFORMATION CONTINUES

FINDING THE SOUL OF OUR NEW HOME



“The challenge with an older building such as this is to find its ‘soul,’ strip away 80 years of public school maintenance and make it sing... These older buildings were more carefully considered architecturally and more lavish in quality than new buildings. If you can understand the features that are there and how they can be new and interesting, then you can make a much more beautiful building than if you had a blank slate. To build this building new, it would cost about \$30 million today. The only limitation to what we can accomplish for Doane Stuart’s new home is funding.”

- Laurence Wilson, partner at Mesick, Cohen, Wilson, Baker Architects.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS?

Visit doanestuart.org or call (518) 465-5222 ext. 248 to update your contact and email information.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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5 PALM SUNDAY	6 10:00 AM All-School Passover Chapel (Dress Uniform) 10:30 AM Admin. Team Mtg.	7 10:00 AM All-School Morning Mtg. 12:30 PM MS Faculty Mtg.	8 11:35 AM LS Faculty Mtg. 12:15 PM Student Gov't. PASSOVER BEGINS AT SUNDOWN	9 8:00 AM Finance Comm. Mtg. 10:00 AM Holy Week Chapel (Dress Uniform) 12:30 PM US Faculty Mtg.	10 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED	11	
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SPRING VACATION - APRIL 13 - 17, 2008							
8TH GRADE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC							

MORNING MEETINGS:
 UPPER SCHOOL – MONDAY AND FRIDAY AT 10:00 AM
 MIDDLE SCHOOL – MONDAY AND THURSDAY AT 10:00 AM
 LOWER SCHOOL – FRIDAY AT 8:25 AM

PARENTS!
 YOU ARE OUR BEST SOURCE.
 TELL A FRIEND ABOUT OUR
OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009 @ 10:00 A.M.

NEWS AND NOTES

MIDDLE SCHOOL INTEGRATED PROJECT: QUADRICENTENNIAL FOCUS ON OUR DUTCH HERITAGE

2009, the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's historic voyage, is a perfect time to learn and experience all of the wonders of Albany's Dutch heritage, and this year's Integrated Project will immerse Middle School students in a concentrated study of all things Dutch. Along with a variety of engaging hands-on activities, students will have the opportunity of hearing from fascinating guest speakers, including Steve Weiss, mate on the Replica Ship Half Moon, Journalist, Paul Grondahl and Storyteller, Nancy Paine. They will also enjoy field trips to historic sites throughout the region, including Van Cortland Manor, First Church and the Fort Orange Club.

It is exciting for our Middle Schoolers to have their work coordinated with the wonderful activities that are part of New York's Quadricentennial celebration of Henry Hudson's voyage. As an official New York State Quadricentennial Partner School, Doane Stuart will proudly fly the Quadricentennial flag throughout the Integrated Project. Thanks to the Middle School faculty for their enthusiastic collaboration in the planning of the project. The project will run from **April 2 - 9**.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRADITIONS CONTINUE!

8th Graders go to Washington! - April 22, 23 and 24

What an exciting time to go to Washington! Eighth graders are looking forward to the trip to Washington that traditionally marks the close of their Middle School years.

7th Graders are off on Boston Adventure! - April 30 - May 1

Seventh graders will join Mr. Hodgkinson and Coach Light for the traditional seventh grade adventure in Boston where they will see the sights, including the Freedom Trail and much more.

SING AND LEARN WITH THE LAKE GEORGE OPERA

In a highly anticipated return engagement, the **Lake George Opera Company** will present a wonderful introduction to opera to Lower and Middle School students on **April 8**. Certainly this will prepare them well for Mr. Weaver's well loved Upper School club, *Opera at Noon!*

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENTISTS SELECTED FOR REGIONAL JOSEPH HENRY SCIENCE FAIR

Congratulations to the following Doane Stuart Middle School students who have been chosen to compete in the 2009 Joseph Henry Science Fair at the *College of Saint Rose*: Jonny Hacker '16, Emma Ferrandino '16, Michael Barats '14, Andrew Haggerty '14, Shaquilla Lahon '14, Daniel Sax '14 and Jeremiah Cole '13.

SPRING DRAMA PRODUCTION - APRIL 3 and 4 AT 7:00 P.M.

The Upper School presents **SIX UNDER GROUND**, an evening of one-act plays about mortality, forgiveness, and toxic machismo. The plays include Edward Albee's [The Sandbox](#), Stuart Spencer's [The Rothko Room](#), David Ives's [Lives of the Saints](#), and Daniel MacIver's [Never Swim Alone](#). **SIX UNDER GROUND** is recommended for mature young people and adults. Seats are \$8.00 at the door.

DRESS UNIFORM DAYS IN APRIL FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 2 - 12

Monday, April 6 - Passover Chapel

Thursday, April 9 - Holy Week Chapel

Please check your Handbook for dress uniform requirements.

KINDERGARTEN FAIRY TALE DISPLAY AT STUYVESANT PLAZA

Don't miss the Kindergarten's window display of their Discovery Fair project, "The Land of Make-Believe," at the Book House at Stuyvesant Plaza through the month of April. Thanks to Mrs. Cassant for arranging this impressive exhibit of our young students' creativity.

SUPPORT DOANE STUART BY SHOPPING AT TARGET

Target will donate 1% of your purchases at Target and Target.com, and 1/2% of purchases made elsewhere with your Target® Visa® card, to the Doane Stuart School. Sign up at target.com and designate Doane Stuart to receive these rewards.

APRIL VACATION CAMP

Vacation Camp will be offered during the spring break on **April 14, 15 and 16 only**. Vacation Camp is open to students in Nursery through Grade 6. For more information, please contact Mr. Urschel at extension 400, or Mrs. Segerstrom at extension 240.

SHORTS DAYS ARE BACK!

Warm weather - or the hope of warm weather - brings back "Shorts Days," when students may wear shorts as a part of their regular uniform. Please remember that shorts must be khaki, close to knee length and without decorative pockets or other ornament. "**Shorts Days**" begin **March 30**. (Please note: Shorts are not a part of dress uniform.)

ATTENTION: NO PARKING, PLEASE, IN BUS TURNAROUNDS

Parents are asked to remember that there is no parking allowed either in the bus turnaround or across the campus road from the bus turnaround. This rule is necessary to ensure the safety of our students who ride the buses, as well as for students whose parents park near these restricted areas. We appreciate your cooperation.

SUMMER CAMP UPDATE

Our After School Director Joe Urschel (JMU 4 Kids) will again be offering a variety of summer camps. Because we will be in the midst of preparations for our move, Mr. Urschel's camp will not be at Doane Stuart this summer, but will be held at the nearby St. Sophia's and at the Academy of Holy Names. For more details, visit the camps' web site www.JMU4Kids.com.

DOANE STUART BUS SERVICE CONTINUES WITH NEW ALBANY ROUTE

Families coming from Columbia, Greene, and Saratoga counties will again enjoy bus service, provided by Doane Stuart. Look for registration forms this summer.

New next year, Doane Stuart will provide busing from the City of Albany to our new campus in Rensselaer. Please call Mr. Green in the Admission Office, 465-5222, ext. 241, for more information.



COMMUNITY ACCOLADES AND EVENTS

2009 NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST



Daniel Cullen '09, was selected as a semifinalist in the 54th annual Nation Merit Scholarship Program. More than 1.5 million juniors, in over 21,000 high schools, entered, and the semifinalists selected represent less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors. To become a finalist, one must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, a recommendation by the

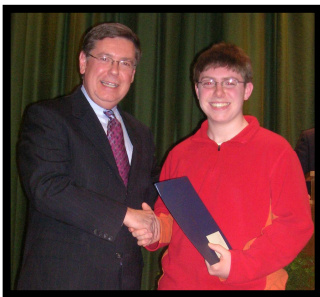
headmaster and an impressive SAT score. The winners will be announced throughout the coming months. "We are all so proud of Dan's accomplishments. He has contributed so much to our community since he started School with us in third grade," said Headmaster, Dr. Richard Enemark.

DOANE STUART STUDENT FEATURED IN THE SARATOGIAN FOR ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS



The *Saratogian* recently featured an article on Lucas Wager '10. The article discussed Lucas' recent appointment as a CHVL second-team All-Star, and the dedication and hard work he is putting forth to help develop and advance the Doane Stuart basketball program. The piece also focused on Lucas' father, John Wager, and his efforts and success as the team's coach.

DOANE STUART JUNIOR PRESENTS AT EDUCATOR CONFERENCE

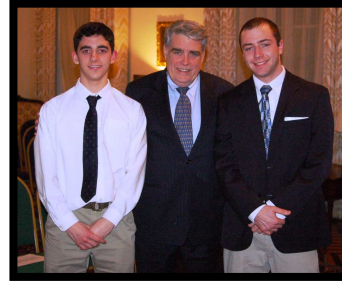


Brendan Blendell '10, was invited to present an academic paper at the *Association of Gifted and Talented Education in New York's* annual meeting, held at Canisius College in Buffalo. His presentation was entitled: "National History Day as a Model Program for Whole School Enrichment," and included an

overview of the National History Day program, and how it links to Sternberg's multiple intelligence, as well as Renzullis's three-ring model of giftedness theories.

OPEN HOUSE
APRIL 24, 2009 AT 10:00 A.M.
TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

"DREAMING OF IRELAND" GATHERING CELEBRATES IRISH AMERICAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM



Above left: NY State Assemblyman Jack McEneny meets with Irish exchange students, Darran O'Hare and Alan Scott, following the Dreaming of Ireland Program. Above right: Seamus Hodgkinson and Dr. Richard Enemark pose with Mrs. Catherine Hauser. Mrs. Hauser was honored during the program for being the first to contribute, in 1999, to the Irish Exchange program, which was then just a dream.

LOWER AND MIDDLE SCHOOL DISCOVERY ON DISPLAY



Above left: Andrew Haggerty '14, describes his impressive science experiment, presented at the Middle School Learning and Science Fair, to Board of Trustees member, Mrs. Gabriella Sperry. Above right: Gabby Petersen '20, displays her project, a part of a class-wide study of penguins, for family and friends during the Lower School Discovery Fair.

MUSIC NIGHT - A DAZZLING SUCCESS



The 2nd annual Music Night once again treated guests to an impressive array of vocal and instrumental acts, showcasing the tremendous talents of Doane Stuart's students and faculty, raising over \$1000 for The Campaign for Doane Stuart.