



MARCH 2009

CALENDAR, NEWS AND NOTES

Fáilte Abhaile!

DOANE STUART WELCOMES HOME IRISH AMERICAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS!

Pictured left to right:

Dan Cullen '09, Ariel Precious '10, Melanie Darling '10, Paul Schmelz '11, Emily Lagan '11, and Mr. Seamus Hodgkinson, a native of Belfast and 30 year veteran teacher at Doane Stuart. The delegation from the Doane Stuart School visited Belfast to represent the School at Lagan College, February 11 through February 22, as part of the Irish American Exchange Program.

Mr. H and the returning students, along with Alan Scott and Darren O'Hare, 2008-09 exchange students from Lagan College, will hold a unique symposium to discuss Northern Ireland and the way in which Doane Stuart's Irish American Exchange program, promotes tolerance, respect and understanding, on March 16. Watch for more information.



DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS?

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



MARCH 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 US Mid-Quarter Grades Due 10:30 AM Admin. Team Mtg. READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY	3 10:00 AM All-School Morning Mtg. 12:30 PM MS Faculty Mtg.	4 10:00 AM LS Chapel 11:35 PM LS Faculty Mtg. 12:10 PM Student Gov't.	5 10:00 AM US Chapel 12:30 PM US Faculty Mtg.	6 8:25 AM LS Morning Meeting 10:00 AM MS Chapel	7
8	9 LS/MS 2 nd trimester grades due 10:30 AM Admin. Team Mtg.	10 10:00 AM All-School Morning Mtg. 12:30 PM MS Faculty Mtg.	11 10:00 AM LS Chapel 11:35 PM LS Faculty Mtg. 12:10 PM Student Gov't.	12 10:00 AM US Chapel 12:30 PM US Faculty Mtg. 4:00 PM MS Learning and Science Fair	13 8:00 AM Finance Comm. 8:25 AM LS Morning Meeting 10:00 AM MS Chapel 1:00 PM LS DISCOVERY FAIR 6:30 PM MUSIC NIGHT	14 10:00 OPEN HOUSE SAT I (ONLY)
15 1:00 OPEN HOUSE (Snow Date)	16 10:30 AM Admin. Team Mtg. 6:30 PM IRISH SYMPOSIUM	17 10:00 AM All-School Morning Mtg. 12:30 PM MS Faculty Mtg. LS Celebration of 100th Day of School	18 10:00 AM LS Chapel 11:35 PM LS Faculty Mtg. 12:10 PM Student Gov't. 4:00 PM Full Board Meeting	19 10:00 AM US Chapel 12:30 PM US Faculty Mtg.	20 8:25 AM LS Morning Meeting 10:00 AM MS Chapel	21
22	23 US third quarter grades due 10:30 AM Admin. Team Mtg.	24 10:00 AM All-School Morning Mtg. 12:30 PM MS Faculty Mtg. 3:45 PM All-School Faculty Mtg.	25 10:00 AM LS Chapel 11:35 PM LS Faculty Mtg. 12:10 PM Student Gov't.	26 10:00 AM US Chapel 12:30 PM US Faculty Mtg. 4:00 PM Parent Coffee & Conversation	27 SUMMER IN MARCH 8:25 AM LS Morning Meeting 10:00 AM MS Chapel	28
29	30 10:30 AM Admin. Team Mtg.	31 10:00 AM All-School Morning Mtg. 12:30 PM MS Faculty Mtg.	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4

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

GIFTS THAT CHANGE LIVES.

DONATE TODAY TO THE *CAMPAIGN FOR DOANE STUART*. CONTACT THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, AT EXT. 248, FOR MORE DETAILS.

NEWS AND NOTES

A MONTH OF DISCOVERY!

One of the foundations of Doane Stuart's educational mission is "the joy of discovery." Our students have the wonderful opportunity of learning in a school that values the experience of exploration and creativity in a balance with the rigor required to master the skills and concepts that will form the foundations of learning throughout their school years and beyond. The diverse activities and events at Doane Stuart during the month of March demonstrate, in a palpable way, the academic rigor, emphasis on discovery and love of learning that inform the work of our students and teachers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LEARNING AND SCIENCE FAIR

Middle School students have been working on amazing projects for months! They look forward to telling you about their research at the Middle School's annual Learning and Science Fair in the Learning Technology Center on **Thursday, March 12, at 4:00 p.m.**

MUSIC NIGHT IS BACK!

Our talented Doane Stuart musicians are bringing back music night for an encore performance following last year's smash hit. Bring family and friends and enjoy incredible music and delicious desserts, all to benefit the Campaign for Doane Stuart. Music Night will be held on **Friday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m.** Join us!

IMAGINE A DAY AT THE BEACH: SUMMER IN MARCH

This year's "Summer in March" celebration will be held on **Friday, March 27**, when students in nursery through grade twelve will enjoy imagining themselves in the tropics for a day of sun, ocean breezes and summer treats. This is an **out of uniform day**; students are encouraged to wear sunglasses and their brightest summer attire! (NO bathing suits, tank tops, short shorts or other revealing clothing, please.)

LOWER SCHOOL CELEBRATES 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

On **March 17**, Lower School students will celebrate the 100th day of school with exciting math and literature activities and special treats.

OPEN HOUSE DATE CHANGE

THE MARCH OPEN HOUSE WILL NOW TAKE PLACE
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 14 AT 10:00 A.M.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS DUE APRIL 1

Requests for bus transportation must be submitted to your home school district by April 1. If you have not yet received a bus form from your district, you should call the district transportation office. Remember the April 1 deadline; districts are not obligated to offer transportation if you submit your request after April 1.

Please include in your request the following important information: Our new address, as of the start of school in September 2009 will be:

199 Washington Ave.,
Rensselaer, NY 12144.

Our school hours will remain the same.

Monday through Thursday: 8:15 – 3:25

Friday: 8:15 – 2:35

REMEMBER THE FUN OF LEARNING

AT THE LOWER SCHOOL DISCOVERY FAIR!

Lower School children have worked hard to study and create fascinating projects over the past few months, which they look forward to displaying at the annual Discovery Fair on **Friday, March 13 at 1:00 p.m.** (please note date change). The Discovery Fair will be held in B-level classrooms and the Lower School Library.

PARENT COFFEE AND CONVERSATION:

FOCUS ON 2009-10

We hope that you will plan to join the **Administrative Team** for coffee and discussion about the coming school year on **Thursday, March 26 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Parlors. This is an excellent opportunity for you to share your ideas, ask questions and learn more about the School.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS!

The Lower School will celebrate the excitement of reading and Dr. Seuss' birthday with a delicious breakfast of green eggs and ham, a mystery reader and many special classroom activities on **Monday, March 2.**

THE WEARIN' OF THE GREEN: AN IRISH EVENING

Join Mr. H and the returning students, along with Alan Scott and Darren O'Hare, 2008-09 exchange students from Lagan College, for an evening of Irish history, music, poetry and much, much more. **Save the date, Monday, March 16**, and watch for more information about this exciting event.



COMMUNITY ACCOLADES

FOURTH GRADER TO TESTIFY BEFORE CONGRESS!!

Will Haviland '17 will join 150 children from across the country to represent New York State on Capitol Hill. Will is going to be testifying at a Congressional hearing on Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes and will remind Congress of the critical need to find a cure for the disease that Will, and so many others, battle each day. The young delegates will ask Congress to support an increase in funding for diabetes research.



DOANE STUART ART INSTRUCTORS' WORK ON DISPLAY

The works of Doane Stuart art instructors, **Jason Martinez** and **Sarah MacWright**, can be seen in a variety of galleries and shows in the upcoming months.

Mr. Martinez will be showing his work, "Jason Martinez: So Lovey," throughout the month of March at Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield, MA. His work can also be seen at Mimosa Gallery in Saratoga Springs, The Fuze Box in Albany (along with works by his wife Sarah Martinez; Jason and Sarah are the parents of Isabella, Gr. 1), and at 69th Regiment Armory in New York, from March 5 - 8. Mr. Martinez will take part in the Landfillart.org project, an international effort representing artists using discarded metal to create fine art. Learn more about Mr. Martinez's work and upcoming shows at bluelakehawk.com.



Ms. MacWright has an upcoming show at Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, MA. The title of the show is "Handmade: Photographs by Jamie Sweeney and Sarah MacWright," and will run from March 24 through April 21, with an opening for the public on Friday, April 3. Learn more about her work and upcoming shows at sarahmacwright.com.

SIXTH GRADER TO COMPETE IN AMBASSADOR GAMES!

Congratulations to **Lars Olson '15** for being invited to compete in the Ambassador Games, as a member of the tennis team, in Vienna, Austria. International athletes are invited to participate in an Olympic-style competition.



STUDENT ENTERS PRESTIGIOUS PIANO COMPETITION!



Chris Reynolds '12 will participate in the prestigious Louise DeFeo Parillo Piano Competition. The competition is sponsored by the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra Association and will be held at the Taylor Music Center at Union College in Schenectady, on April 25. Chris will compete against pianists from throughout the Capital District. Chris will perform, also, in a recital at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall on May 12, as part of the "Music at Noon" concert Series.

DOANE STUART IS SELECTED FOR NEH PICTURING AMERICA PROGRAM!

Doane Stuart is proud to have been selected as a participating school in the Picturing America program, a free initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities that helps teach American History and culture by bringing some of the country's great art directly into classrooms and libraries. The School was awarded 40 large, high-quality reproductions of great American art, to be displayed throughout campus.



STUDENT QUALIFIES FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!!

Daniel Sausto '16 has qualified for the NASTAR Ski Racing National Championships in the Gold Division.



The National Championships will be held March 26-29 at Steamboat Springs, Colorado. NASTAR is the largest recreational ski and snowboard race program in the world. Daniel skis on the Windham Mountain Racing Team and is currently the 6th ranked skier in his age group in New York State.

CORRECTION

In the recent 2007-08 Report of Major Donors, Mr. Anthony C. Paratore and Ms. Coleen Murtagh Paratore should have been listed in the \$2,500—\$4,999 category. We apologize for the error.

We make every effort to ensure accuracy. Should you find any discrepancy, please accept our sincere apology and notify the Development Office at (518) 465-5222