



The Vincent Smith School Newsletter

November 2004

From the Head of School ~ Arlene Wishnew



Dear Friends and Alumni of Vincent Smith School,

As we launch our 80th year as one of the finest independent schools in the United States, we continue to expand on our mission to offer our unique educational program for reluctant learners and students with learning disabilities.

We are proud of that VSS program and the achievements of our alumni. In a very true sense, your goals as a student shaped our goals as a school; your successes as an adult reflected our successes; your achievements became our achievements. We measure our worth and importance as a school by the extent to which we assisted you in fulfilling your dreams and your hopes for a fruitful, useful, happy life.

To that extent, please consider the Vincent Smith School as your partner, through thick and thin, in times of happiness or times of hardship. We were there for you when you attended, and we want to continue that important relationship now and in the future.

As always, our students, past and present, define who we are and who we hope to be in the future. We look forward to hearing from each of you.

Alumni Reunion Brunch

On December 2, 2001 an Alumni Reunion Brunch was held at the School. It was a wonderful morning of renewing old friendships, greeting former teachers and administrators and getting reacquainted with the School campus. We hope to repeat this well attended event in the fall of 2005 and see even more of our alumni. So, please spread the word to all your alumni friends and encourage them to attend the next reunion. Until then, you can keep in touch with the more than 100 VSS alum at the Classmates.com website. If you would like to help out with the 2005 reunion, please call Ellen Forrest at the School at (516) 365-4900.



First Annual Scholarship Fund Fashion Show & Brunch



On Sunday, March 28, 2004, the Vincent Smith School held its first-ever Scholarship Fund Fashion Show & Brunch. Our honoree was Craig Johnson, Nassau County Legislator. The event was held at the beautiful Glen Head Country Club and attended by some 135 guests. VSS students and faculty modeled wonderful fashions from local clothing boutiques and the parents, relatives, faculty and staff whom attended, had a fabulous time. The event raised over \$8,000.00 for our Scholarship Fund. If you are interested in contributing to the VSS Scholarship Fund please contact Arlene Wishnew.



VSS Past Happenings

Welcome to the first edition of the VSS newsletter – a chance for all of you to find out what’s going on at The Vincent Smith School as well as what’s happening with past VSS alumni.

To stay in touch with what’s going on at VSS, we encourage you to log on to the School’s website at www.vincentsmithschool.org. You will learn about many of the exciting events that have occurred or will be taking place at the School. Our students have traveled to England and France on a School sponsored trip. We have had a hot air balloon and Skylab on campus, visited the Rocking Horse Ranch, and explored the South-western U.S. Take a look at what is happening at VSS!



A successful Walk-A-Thon through the town of Port Washington was held in May of 2004. The Vincent Smith School received excellent proclamations from

the Town of Hempstead and Nassau County recognizing Vincent Smith School’s more than 80 years of service to the Long Island Community. We were honored to have Town Supervisor, Mae Newberger and many other public officials in attendance.

In April 2004, Mrs. Wishnew and Ms.

DiBernardo took a crew of intrepid Vincent Smith School travelers to the Southwest.

The trip included visits to The Grand

Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, The Hoover Dam, and last but not least, Las Vegas. Of course, the students were more impressed with Las Vegas than the natural wonders of the Southwest. Everyone returned safely but very tired!

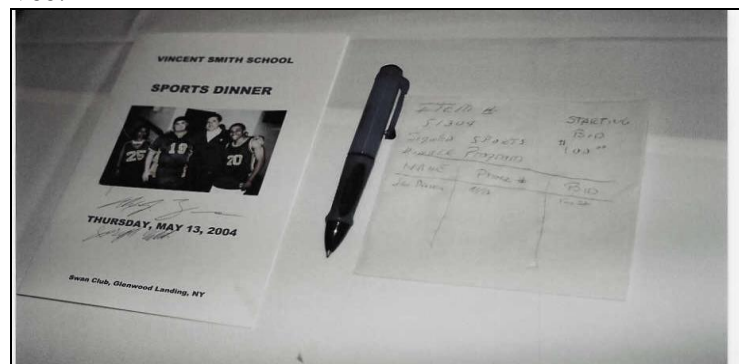


During the 2003-2004 school year, Vincent Smith again hosted its annual Lecture Series in which prominent speakers from across the



country discuss important special education issues and topics. The Lecture Series is made possible through a generous grant from State Bank of Long Island. Our first speaker for this year’s Lecture Series will be Ann Goldberg, OTR/L Director of North Shore Occupational Therapy. Log onto our website calendar for more information.

In May of 2004 the Vincent Smith School held its Sports Dinner at the Swan Club overlooking scenic Roslyn Harbor. Many sports memorabilia items were auctioned off and a fun time was had by all those in attendance. Bruce Harper, a former star for the New York Jets, inspired VSS students with his motivational speech. This year’s Sports Dinner will once again be held at the Swan Club on May 12, 2005. If you would like to attend please contact Mrs. Wishnew at VSS.



Alumni Class Notes

Did You Know that...

Scott Bielecky ('83-'91) has the lead role in "Tony & Tina's Wedding" and has traveled all over the world... Sara Crescas ('89-'93) just recently got married... Peter Buchholz ('84-'91) was in the US Marines, has traveled to Hong Kong and is now an architect... Ashleigh DiGianni ('91) is married, has 3 children and is assistant manager of a retail stationer... Peter Merzin ('75-'78) is an independent commodities trader... Kimberly Wade ('87-'91) graduated from Molloy College, is a teaching assistant and loves to travel to Cancun and Florida... Stephen Nessler ('80-'81) worked on the trading floor of the NY Stock Exchange and lives on the water in the South Shore with his wife and 3 sons... Zuri Coleman ('95-'99) attends Adelphi University... Victoria Roukis ('87-'92) is employed as a nanny and volunteers at a nursing home... Joseph Sarno ('01) attends Adelphi University and is planning a career in music... Emily Greenwald ('74-'75) would like to see Suzanne Brown, Jon Marcus and Laurie Siegel at the next reunion... Debbie Sheib ('83-'87) received a degree in Fashion and loves to travel... Lara Liebowitz ('87) received her master's degree from CW Post and is married with 2 sons... Sherri Weinstein-Marrapodi ('78-'84) graduated from Adelphi University, owned a theatre in Branson, MO and is married with 3 children... Marc Eberle ('72-'80) is married with 2 children and is Vice-President of an auto company... Kathryn Pustay ('93-'97) works for the city of New York... Jean O'Shea ('93) works in the health care industry, has 2 daughters and is engaged... Erica Ryan ('93-'97) works at a medical laboratory... Dana Weinstein-Younger ('83-'87) was a nursery school principal... Adam Bromley ('99) traveled to Israel and attends NYIT... Nora Bowles ('91-'94) is a teaching assistant... Todd Ozer ('89) currently lives in Pittsburgh and works for FOX-TV and has a wife and 2 daughters... Stephen Myers ('64) works for Guardian Life Insurance Company, is happily married and enjoys singing, sailing and watching classic movies... Carol Bailey has 3

grand-children... Timothy Kliphuis ('76-'80) is President of his own business systems company... Theodore Geohan ('71-'75) is a security supervisor... Michelle Jorge ('94-'98) still has fond memories of the Rocking Horse Ranch... Kevin Eigenbrodt ('93) works for NYS... Kristina Wilhelm ('82-'89) attends Nassau Community College and owns several Newsday routes... C.J. Dodge ('71-'75) is branch manager for a communications company... Daniel Horn ('89-'93) works for the US Postal service... Catherine Stevens ('88-'93) works for CVS... Rob Eckstein ('00) has a daughter and is employed as a security guard... Jaclyn Rubin ('99) has fond memories of VSS Drama Club and the Spaghetti Dinners... Adam Diner ('88-'91) lives in Albuquerque, NM and works with abused and neglected children... Joe Lynch ('71) resides locally and works in Manhattan for Grainger... Jamie Mann ('90-'94) is currently studying to be a sonographer and would love to catch up with some old classmates... Joshua Grayck ('72) lives in CO and enjoys sharing memories of his days at VSS with his children... Beth Wekselblatt ('95) works for a real-estate investment trust on LI and has a certification as a paralegal.



What have you been up to?

We would love to hear what you have been doing since you left VSS. If you would like to be included in our next Newsletter please log on to our website, link to our Alumni page, and submit your updates to us online. We look forward to hearing from you!

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The mission of the Vincent Smith School is to provide a small, supportive educational setting for reluctant learners and students with special education needs. Here, our students will achieve academic success while developing individual and group social skills.