

September 23, 2011



The WayPoint



New Students: P-S: Mia Castro, Lazaro Garcia, Nina Jean Claude, Caroline Johnson; Pre-K: Mia Jean Claude; First Grade: "Ellie" Carroll; Third Grade: Zoe Leventhal. We are also pleased to welcome back Michelle Santiago!

Word of the Week

way-point

A nautical term used for navigation and charting that way-point designates intermediate points of a course in progress.

Future Bulletins

Please let us include news and/or photographs you would like to share with our community! Send your piece to ccharles@oracademy.org

A New Headmaster

Opening day welcomed a new Headmaster to 395 South Harbor Drive at Ocean Reef. Originally from Washington, CT, Scott Scherschewsky (Mr. Sherry) has New England roots where his father and grandfather were headmasters of Rumsey Hall School in Litchfield County. He earned two academic degrees from Harvard University including a Masters of Education. With 15 years of teaching and administrative experience, he has been an elementary teacher of English, Latin, Algebra, and technology. Scott speaks fluent Spanish, and reports he can *hold his own* in Italian and French. The new Headmaster reports his favorite daily activity is teaching Latin to the Middle School. He says, "I know this will be a great year for all of us at the Academy, and I hope our students learn to enjoy learning as much as I do. *Scientia Potentia est.*"





Annual Giving

Without the generous support of our community, The reality of a school at Ocean Reef would not exist. Annual Giving fills the gap between tuition and the true cost of educating our students. This year's annual fund is off to a good start. We have reached out to over 700 of our constituents with a target to raise over \$200,000.

At this early date we gratefully acknowledge the following contributors:

Martha Arrue
Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Buckthal
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Aliis non Sibi—For others, not for self

CALENDAR

- 9/29 Parents' Open House
- 9/30 Denim Jeans Day
- 10/10 Columbus Day
- 10/11 Christmas Card Contest
- 10/24 End Xmas Card Contest
- 10/29 Fall Festival (Halloween)
- 10/31 Thanksgiving Food Drive
- 11/3 School Photos
- 11/6 Daylight Savings (fall back)
- 11/8 Election Day
- 11/11 Veterans Day (no school)
- 11/22 Bring a Friend to School and Thanksgiving Feast
- 11/23 Thanksgiving Recess
- 11/30 Book Fair begins
- 12/16 Christmas Attire
Book Exchange
Santa Visit
- 12/19 Christmas Recess
- 1/2/12 Classes Resume

The PTO

The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is a nonprofit organization whose membership includes the school's parents and legal guardians of our students. The PTO's mission is to promote open communication and understanding between parents and staff while engaging in projects that enhance and maximize the education of every child. The PTO holds fund-raisers for supplemental educational materials and experiences, supports school and family social interaction, and provides a non-biased forum for sharing information on issues that impact our children. It is our belief that the team effort of a parent teacher organization offers the best possible learning environment for our children. We welcome new faces with willing hands and look forward to new ideas. *Please* join us!

The first meeting of the PTO will be held on Thursday, September 29th in the school library at 5:15 PM.

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News From our Music Man (Mr. Falk)

We welcome **Nina Locardi** who joins the performing arts staff. She will be choreographing this year's Broadway shows, West Side Story, Fiddler On the Roof and The Little Mermaid.

Rock 101 has been launched and students have been playing in the new Rock Band at 4:00 P.M. on Mondays.

The Honey Badgers, Trish Elliot, Alex Post and Big E Everhart, welcome their new bass player, Alyssa Bell. Catch The Honey Badgers at the upcoming Home Show.

In The Spotlight



Matthew Bassett has endured a delicate operation and is healing well. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming him back soon.



Purple Heart goes to **Ana Richiez** who injured her hand and elbow last week with good humor and calm.



Cheers for **Alex Post** who put a ball in the net from half court!

Thanks to **Mattie Johnson, Ellie Carroll** and **Ana Richiez** for their help with the youngsters in After Care.



Technology Star to **Amber Wilson** and **Isabella Antonovich** for helping their classmates during library.

News of Alumni and Former Students

Kaitlyn Malone* won the Smooth Award in the youth and adult divisions in the Triple Crown, DanceSport Championship. She plans to major in Dance and Theatre at Columbia College in Chicago next year.



*Daughter of our beloved teacher and friend, the late **Mike Malone**, and **Debi**, former member of our Board of Trustees.

Quote of the Week

A child can always teach an adult three things: to be happy for no reason, to always be busy with something, and to know how to demand with all his might that which he desires.

—Paulo Coelho

Birthdays

10/6 Jorge Richiez

10/7 Victor Richiez

10/27 Jake Watson

Heads Up

- Information regarding the new website and student email will be available when www.oracademy.org is newly published.
- FRIDAY is COMMUNICATION DAY for publication and distribution of Academy updates and special notices. Please be sure to check your email and/or office in-boxes.
- Reminder regarding PTO meeting and open house on Thursday, September 29th beginning at 5:15 in the Library. Please make arrangements for child care as open house is only for parents.