

# CONNECTIONS



The Epiphany School Foundation

Fall 2011

## The Epiphany School Foundation and Epiphany Families- A Winning Formula

### The 2011-2012 School Year is Off to a Great Start!

#### 2011 Walk was a Huge Success!

On Sunday, October 16th, the Epiphany community “Walked the Walk” to celebrate and sustain excellence in the Epiphany School and Catholic education as a whole. The 2nd Annual Walk took off on all fronts: money raised, level of participation, and spirit of coming together for a great cause.

Last spring, Chairs Jennifer Walther, Monica Quinn Culoso and Meghan Hedengren met with the Development Committee to set an ambitious goal of raising \$100,000. Everyone felt that this was an achievable number, but that it would take persistence and high energy within the Epiphany community. They were thrilled by the impressive level of commitment exhibited by Epiphany families, generous local sponsors, and the wonderful level of donations made to the Epiphany Educators page (over \$10,000!). Thanks to all of these avenues, the lofty goal was exceeded, generating a gross revenue of over \$104,000—more than double the results of the inaugural Walk in 2010. Everyone involved should be enormously proud of this achievement. The Foundation Office could not be more grateful to one and all.

**One Hundred More Walkers** – As the crowd gathered in the school yard after an inspiring special family mass given by Monsignor Ivers, it was clear that last year’s number of walkers would be shattered. In all, over 650 people were shepherded by Principal Hayes, Community Relations Officer Ray Dorrian, members of the 13th Precinct, and our own marshals—Anthony Bagliani, Bill Cook, John Crotty, Daryl Fordham, Anthony Liotti, Greg Lord, Tony Pagano, Peter Patton, Ralph Preite, Susan Puchert and Christian Zebicoff—from 22nd Street down to the East River Park near Delancey Street. A huge thank you goes out to these caring adults for all of their hard work in ensuring the safety of our walkers, and also for keeping it fun along the way!

See page 3 for more detail about the Walk and pictures.



From left to right, Jennifer Walther, Monica Quinn Culoso, and Meghan Hedengren

#### Mercedes Raffle Underway!

Back by popular demand, the Annual Car Raffle this year is giving away a 2012 C300 Mercedes Sport Sedan. Tickets are just \$100 each – only 1,000 tickets will be sold. The lucky winner is allowed to choose the color of the car, or even elect to receive cash in lieu of the sedan. This year’s winning ticket will be selected at the Annual Foundation Christmas Party on December 15th. Please contact our office to purchase or request additional tickets to sell to non-Epiphany friends and family. Like the Walk, this is a terrific opportunity to gather support from outside of our community!



## Big 2012 Spring Auction News!

This year our signature Foundation fundraising event is set for March 21, 2012. Chairs Meenakshi Hilaire and Claire Pezeu have set in motion plans that will raise the bar even higher than past auctions. The biggest news is an exciting change in venue. Say goodbye to the beloved Manhattan Penthouse and hello to the New York Athletic Club! With its beautiful location on the 9th floor overlooking Central Park and its much larger event space, we will now be able to accommodate our growing crowd of parents. We will also be extending invitations to alumni, friends, and sponsors to make the auction even bigger while maintaining our high level of excellence.

Meenakshi and Claire have already spent countless hours on securing this essential cornerstone. Now they need your help in two ways: mark your calendars and volunteer! This fun and exciting event provides many opportunities well suited to every personality. Contact the Foundation Office today and see which committee appeals to you: 212-473-6158 or email Francesca Ciofalo (see below for address).



From left to right: Claire Pezeu and Meenakshi Hilaire

## Alumni Reunion Set for November 19th

Over the summer we began participating in a program sponsored by the Archdiocese called the Catholic Alumni Partnership (CAP), designed to draw former graduates back to the school and celebrate the rich tradition they represent. As a direct result of these efforts, the Alumni Committee is hosting its first all-class reunion for the classes of 2004 and prior. The new committee, spearheaded by Chair Kristin Shea, has been working for months on a night of reconnecting and reminiscence. The event will be held in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm.



## Big Thank You to Open House Hosts!

Every year, the Foundation relies on the generosity of parents in Nursery, Pre-K, and Kindergarten in order to welcome new families into the greater Epiphany community. An important part of these events is the opportunity they provide to remind parents that without their continued support and involvement, the Foundation wouldn't be able to thrive.

Joanna and Jamie Cawley (Liam, 3rd Grade, Ava Jane, Pre-K) kicked off the series with a reception on September 27th for Pre-K. On October 4th, Susannah and Patrick Williams (Elise, 4th grade, Jasmine, 3rd grade, Harry, Kindergarten) hosted a get together for the Kindergarten families. Finally, on October 12th, Renee and Rory Kinsella (Finn, 8th grade, Rory, 7th grade, Charlie, 2nd grade) hosted the Nursery reception, even though their children are much older! Many, many thanks to these families for opening their homes.

This year we also added a fall reception for major supporters of the Epiphany Foundation. On October 19th, Jennifer and JJ Hale (Emma, 4th grade, Willem, 1st grade, and Eloise) hosted a cocktail party designed to say thank you to those gathered for their generous contributions to the Foundation, and also to honor the tireless fundraising work of the Event Chairs from 2010 – 2011.

## Walk the Walk 2011!

We honored two individuals at the Walk from the Epiphany community for their outstanding achievements.



**Bob Benya**, Epiphany alumnus from 1973 is now the CEO of In Demand, a fast-growing division of Time Warner Cable. His success in the world of telecommunications demonstrates the impact that a solid grounding in early education can achieve.



**Jack Kelly**, a success in the world of finance and banking is the proud grandfather of three young students currently enrolled at Epiphany (Jaya, Kindergarten, Shail and Lekh, Nursery). He has been a supporter of Catholic causes all his life and was pleased to be a part of this special Epiphany day.

## Thanks to our Walk Sponsors!

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Photo of Epiphany walkers taken by Greg Lord on the Williamsburg Bridge (through a fence). All other photos taken by Michael Culoso.