

History of Our Christian School

St. Barnabas Episcopal School is a co-educational day school Pre-K through 8th Grade in the city of DeLand: a regional retail, medical, financial, educational, and recreational center in central Florida. St. Barnabas Episcopal School is one of two Episcopal schools in Volusia County that is accredited by the Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS). It is also a member of the National Association of Episcopal Schools and the Central Florida Episcopal Schools Association. St. Barnabas Episcopal School has been designated a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education. It is the only school in DeLand to have received this designation to date.

Based on Christian principles, democratic ideals, and the system of free private enterprise, St. Barnabas promotes spiritual, ethical, cultural and social development in addition to challenging its students academically.

The original education building was constructed at St. Barnabas Church in 1967, four years before the school opened.

The Vestry of St. Barnabas Church approved the establishment of St. Barnabas School on March 8, 1971. The school opened for the 1971-72 school year with 175 days of instruction for kindergarten through third grade.

The first year there were 24 students and three teachers. The student body was not limited to Episcopalians. Mrs. Walter Cox was Principal and Rector Father Charles Warden headed the Board of Trustees. The school was formed, according to Mrs. Cox, "To offer education in an atmosphere of love for children: to help them grow spiritually, mentally, and morally."

The school prospered from the beginning. It finished the first year "in the black," paying back an initial loan and realizing a small surplus. An extra grade was added in 1972 and during the 1974-75 school year, the Florida Council of Independent Schools evaluated the school and the school received accreditation from the 65-member organization, the only school in Volusia County so accredited at that time.

The school library was named the Charlotte A. Smith Library of St. Barnabas Episcopal School in 1974 in honor of its founder, Miss Smith, retired Stetson University Library Director.

Religious services have always been an integral part of the school. Students attend two 8:30 A.M. services each week in the church: Morning Prayer on Monday and the Holy Communion service on Wednesday. All children are required to attend and the public is invited.

At the end of the 1980-1981 school year Mrs. Cox retired, and Miss Caroline Hodges became the Head of School.

The school had an increasing number of students yearly and added grades until 1982, when it had a student body of 114 in grades kindergarten through sixth, with seven full-time teachers and two part-time instructors for music and physical education.

Miss Hodges resigned as Principal in January 1984 for health reasons. C.C. Cassidy was appointed Principal in May 1984 and the school ended that year with 70 students. At this time, a pre-kindergarten teacher was hired so that a program for 4-year olds could be added to the school. Authorization was also given to begin an after-school-care program to supervise children who needed such care until 6 P.M. each day.

Mr. Cassidy resigned at the end of the 1984-1985 school year. Patricia Lawrence was appointed Principal in the summer of 1985. Father David Suellau, then Rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, continued as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. In 1988, with the support of church members, a new four-classroom preschool building was constructed. During the 1988-89 school year there were two classes for 4-year-olds and one for 3-year-olds, headed by a Director of Early Childhood Education. A separate preschool playground and an updated elementary playground were constructed. This also enabled St. Barnabas to add a second kindergarten class. The enrollment increased to 159 students (including some part-time preschoolers) in the 1989-90 school year a Middle School (grades 6 –8) was added.

The 1989-90 school enrollments reached a height of 196 students. The first two eighth-graders graduated from our Middle School program. The FCIS self-study was completed at the end of the year. Patricia A. Lawrence continued as Principal, with Gwen J. Watson as Administrative Assistant.

The 1990-91 year ended with 185 students with three eighth-graders graduating. The New York Metropolitan Educational Workshop for Opera in Middle School was initiated.

The 1991-92 school year ended with 181 students, with six eighth-grade graduates. During the summer of 1992, the conference/Spanish room was enlarged to add an art/science lab and the second floor of the storage building was renovated for a computer lab. Language classes were discontinued due to the inconsistency of the program.

The 1992-93 year ended with 200 students, with three eighth-grade students graduated. During the summer of 1993 a new program was founded: A remediation lab for low achievers and students who needed to reinforce particular skills was established, moderated by Principal Patricia Lawrence. An enhancement lab to develop special programs for interested students was created. Additional storage space was built, a school wide science (Macmillan) program was adopted, and the SRA Reading Master for kindergarten, first and second grades was all implemented.

The 1993-94 year ended with 205 students and eight eighth-grade graduates. During the second semester, parents raised \$20,000 for a new playground facility. During the summer, the office was moved to a downstairs room for easier access. A new English book was purchased for the third through eighth grades through Loyola University Press. The kindergarten classes were moved to the preschool building, which was renamed the St. Barnabas Kindergarten and Preschool Building. Patricia Lawrence remained Head of School and taught sixth grade in a departmentalized Middle School.

Father Donald Lyon was appointed Rector of St. Barnabas Church and the Chaplain of St. Barnabas Episcopal School in March 1995. Patricia Lawrence remained as Principal of the school until August 1, 1995. She became the Middle School Director and team-taught sixth, seventh and eighth grades. She retired in May 1996.

The Middle School was moved to the third floor of Trinity Methodist Church across Wisconsin Avenue from St. Barnabas Church. Spanish was added to the curriculum for Middle School students. A science lab was also added for Middle School students during the 1995-96 school year.

The Middle School returned to the main campus for 1996-97 and became departmentalized. New curriculum was implemented.

Karen Lyon was appointed Head of School and assumed duties beginning with the 1995-96 school year. A total of 227 students were welcomed to the school. The school year ended with 234 students, and seven eighth-graders graduated in May 1996. The school went through its five-year accreditation process and was granted continued accreditation for the next five years by the Florida Council of Independent Schools.

The Patricia A. Lawrence Scholarship Fund was established, giving students a scholarship award each year.

St. Barnabas Episcopal School celebrated its 25th anniversary during the 1996-97 school year. On September 6, 1997, an all-school birthday party was held to mark the silver anniversary. Many events and special activities were held to mark this year, among them being a PAC-sponsored Jamboree. The profit from this event was \$8000, including a Wal-Mart grant of \$2,000. The money was designated to enhance computer technology. The school population remained steady with 230 students. Thirteen eighth-graders graduated in May 1997. A new reading curriculum, Open Court, was used with much success, and the standardized test scores positively reflected the success of this new reading program.

Enrollment increased to 275 students by the end of the school year 1997-98 and eighteen students graduated in May.

The National Junior Honor Society was established, with five seventh-grade students inducted, with Margaret Cornelius as Advisor. A new brochure was created, highlighting the important areas of the school under the headings of mind, body and spirit. A basketball team was formed for grades 3-5 and many opportunities were given for them to compete in a league with other independent schools in DeLand. A new math program was instituted, with small class sizes emphasizing skill building using the Saxon Math curriculum. The higher standardized scores reflected the positive gains made by creating a program where each student's needs are met. In March, an enrichment program was begun for students in grades 3-5.

The first endowment fund for scholarships was developed with a major gift from Charles Salisbury. A modular unit was installed to house the two first-grade classes. The long-range plan for the church and school was completed after a two-year process of strategic planning.

Many new initiatives for the building plans were taken during the 1998-99 school year. The Building Committee was initiated and plans began for construction. This will be completed in two phases, with a two-story Middle School Building, Administration Building, parking lot and new athletic facilities being built in the first phase. Phase 2 will see a Family Life Center and covered entryways and plazas being completed. A formal groundbreaking ceremony took place in February, with the entire school assembled. The new school song, "There is a Place," composed by Linda Peattie, was sung for the first time. A Development Committee, with June Bennett as Chair, was established for fund-raising.

The two fourth-grade classes were housed at Trinity United Methodist Church and remained there until the new Middle School Building was completed. The enrichment program completed its first full year, with 15 students participating. The Jean Powell Art Scholarship Fund was established, with the first award given during the May awards ceremony. The end of the school year had 308 students enrolled, with 18 students graduating in May 1999.

The 1999-2000 school year was an exciting one with many new changes taking place within the physical plant. The entire campus was under construction between August 1999 and April 2000. There were many challenges to face as we worked through construction woes and deadlines that were not met. On April 14, 2000 all classes were moved to their appropriate locations and the school year settled into its end of the year rush. On Saturday, May 20th the blessing and dedication of the administration and middle school classroom building took place. There was an enrollment of 338 students during this school year, with 14 students graduating in May.

The Board of Trustees met on their annual retreat with the purpose of developing a strategic plan spanning a three to five year period, which was used to guide future Board actions. The school was now positioned to be at full capacity offering two classes for each grade level from Pre-K 4 year olds through grade eight with a full time program for one 3-year old class.

2000-2001 was a banner year in that the school fulfilled its aspect of the school's long-range plan, which was to have two classes for each grade level. The enrollment for this school year was 372 and there were twenty-eight graduating from the 8th grade. There were many highly successful student accomplishments achieved during this year. A Middle School Chess Club, The Crusading Bishops, was initiated, and in six short months the team became the Central Florida Chess Championships. Megan Hendricks, an 8th grader, and Matt Davies, a 7th grader, won 2nd place in the Florida State Science Fair competition. A team of five boys, Ryan Rogers, Bryce Underhill, Larson Hagstrom, Daniel Fogle, and Michael Savonarola won 1st place in the Volusia County Social Studies Fair. Many hours of hard work went into compiling a self-study report for the Florida Council of Independent Schools. The five-year evaluation was completed in March. The school was granted continued accreditation for the next five years.

September 11, 2001 remained in our minds as we went forward with this school year. This tragedy in our country helped bind the school together in ways that fostered the family atmosphere that is so important and vital to our school community. Volunteerism was at an all time high during this school year with over 73% of the school's families fulfilling volunteer hours. The Parent Advisory Council, with the help of our wonderful volunteers, held a very

successful St. B.BQ social event. The total amount contributed to the school from the events sponsored by PAC was \$39,000. Most of the money was used to purchase a school bus.

Approximately 350 grandparents attended the first annual Grandparents Day on November 21st. It was very successful with many grandparents expressing their gratitude for the experience.

New personnel were added to assist the administration. Dr. Barbara Savage was hired as the Assistant Head of School and Pam MacConnell became the first Director of Development. The Board of Trustees approved the launching of the first Annual Fund Campaign that resulted in donations of \$54, 287.

A bequest of \$30,000 was given to the school by Ray Jordan's estate. Ms. Jordan was a Librarian at Stetson University and was involved in the initial efforts to establish St. Barnabas Episcopal School.

Bonnie Cary, Enrichment Teacher, brought a new and exciting dimension to our science curriculum. GLOBE is an international data gathering organization, which analyzes data to develop strategies that positively affect our environment. With Mrs. Cary's expert assistance, students from grades 2-8 collected data from various locations on the campus and in the county, and submitted the data to the GLOBE web site throughout the year.

New extracurricular activities included the addition of Cheerleading and Needlework. Basketball and Chess continued to be popular activities for many of our students in grades 3-8.

The computer lab was enhanced by the donation of 38 computers given by the Orlando utilities Commission. These computers, along with a newly purchased LCD projector comprise an excellent teaching lab in which all students can learn the necessary computer skills to compete in the 21st century.

Two 7th grades students, Joseph Astrauskas and Christopher Briggs, won first place in the Tomoka Regional Science Fair and were selected to go to the State competition. Pearce Taylor, 6th grade, and Joshua Hickman, 7th grade, won 1st place in the County-wide Daughters of the American Revolution Writing Contest, and were selected to go to the State competition.

In response to the September 11th tragedy the school developed a security manual, and trained a security team, so that personnel can respond to emergency situations that may arise on the campus, including any that would require evacuation.

The school completed a successful year with 354 students enrolled, and twenty-five 8th graders graduating on May 30, 2002.

The 02-03 school year was the 30th birthday for St. Barnabas Episcopal School. All year we celebrated "30 Years of Academic and Spiritual Excellence" with many successes.

During this school year the school and students received many awards and accolades. The school applied for Blue Ribbon School of Excellence recognition. Although the final outcome will not

be known until September of 2004, the school had made it through the first initial of tiers to have its application sent to the US Department of Education. St. Barnabas Episcopal School qualifies for this recognition based on the standardized test scores of the students which are in the top 10% of the nation.

Eleven students qualified to enter the Duke University Talent Program. This was 30% of the seventh grade class. These students took the college SAT Boards. Two of the students received recognition for their high scores on the college boards. The GLOBE program was placed on the Chief Scientists' Honor Roll for Hydrology. Students took first and second places in the Knights of Columbus and DeLand Women's Club Spelling Bees. Six Middle School students had their Science Fair projects selected for the Regional Science Fair, and four students were selected to place their Social Studies Fair projects in the County Social Studies Fair. Joseph Astrauskas took first place in the National Geography Bee and went to the state competition. Middle School students participated in the Foreign Language Festival and there were many, many winners in all categories.

New curriculum was introduced this year in Science to enhance the laboratory experience for the students.

A special ceremony was held for the students to sign the new Honor/Integrity Code. This code is based on the school's philosophy and mission statement incorporating a community of dignity and respect for all in a redemptive society

We celebrated our 2nd Annual Grandparents Day with the theme "30 Years of Academic and Spiritual Excellence". The students demonstrated their talents in the arts and the all the grandparents had a wonderful time.

The second Annual Fund was also a great success. Due to the hard work of many people, the Annual Fund Drive raised over \$75,000.00. In addition to this, the school received a gift of over \$6000.00 from the Malcolm Sullivan Trust. The school also received a generous gift of 25 computers and monitors from the U.S. Justice Department.

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) hosted a very successful Spring Social "St. Barnabas in Paradise". This wonderful night of auctions, dancing, food and fun resulted in a contribution of over \$31,000.00 to the school from PAC. The monies were used to purchase new furniture for the elementary school, computers, shade for the playground area, supported technology, and other much needed items for the school.

A St. Barnabas graduate, Teresa Bryant was hired to teach third grade. She spearheaded the school's entry in the Volusia County Fair. This entry received a Proclamation of Recognition from Mayor Bob Apgar of DeLand for the rendition of the city of DeLand that the students made in sculpture form. The students raised over \$5000.00 for the American Heart Association in the Jump Rope For Heart program. Fourteen students entered the Elks Hoop Shoot and won various prizes. Jared Penny, a member of the Crusader Chess Club, took second place at the Central Florida Chess Tournament. The school earned a first place award for its float in the DeLand Jaycees Christmas Parade.

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The 2003-2004 school year was very exciting for St. Barnabas Episcopal School. We began the year by receiving the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award by the United States Department of Education. St. Barnabas was one of 233 schools nationally, one of 47 private schools, and the only Episcopal school to be given this prestigious award this year. The award was based on our standardized test scores and our rigorous curriculum. St. Barnabas is the only school in DeLand to have ever received this award. We had a year full of celebration on the campus including a Blue Hair Day for the students.

This year has also been a very fruitful year for all of our students academically. They have achieved many honors and awards. Grades 3-8 improved their grade equivalency by an average of 3.1 years on the standardized tests. 42% of the seventh grade class students qualified for the Duke University Talent Program. These students took the college SAT Boards. Two of the students, a 5th grader and a 7th grader were recognized by Duke University for their high math and verbal scores. Ten of the twenty-three 8th graders scored above the national average on the 2004 Scholastic Challenge, and three students received superior achievement levels on the Florida Mathematics League Test. Two students were selected to go to state competition for their Daughters of the American Revolution Essays. Students received 1st and 2nd place in the Volusia County Social Studies Fair and went on to the state competition, while four students competed in the Tomoka Regional Science Fair and one was selected to go to the state competition. The middle school students won many honors at the Volusia County Foreign Language Arts Festival. Students took top honors in the Orlando Sentinel Writing contest and the DeLand Women's Club Spelling Bee.

The Third Annual Fund Campaign was extremely successful due to the generosity of our families, the Board of Trustees, parents, Alumni, Grandparents and friends of the school who contributed \$97,000 to the Annual Fund. In addition, the school received a gift of a full scholarship from the DeLand Rotary. The school has also received gifts of computers.

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) hosted a very successful "High Stakes Spring Social". This wonderful evening along with other activities around campus supported by the parents resulted in a contribution of over \$55,000.00 to the school from PAC. The monies were used to purchase new technology such as interactive Smart Boards, supporting scholarships, updating current technology, and providing other needed items for the school.

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We celebrated our 3rd Annual Grandparents Day with the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence theme. The students demonstrated their talents in the arts and academic areas. Over 300 grandparents enjoyed the day with their grandchildren.

The students of St. Barnabas Episcopal School were active in the community through various activities. They raised over \$9,000 for the American Heart Association. This resulted in Coach Garcia participating in his first sky dive. The students and faculty were at Sky Dive DeLand to watch and cheer him on in this momentous occasion. Eight students competed in the U.S. Amateur Chess Championship and four of the students won 1st place. The St. Barnabas Chess team captured the top Under 800 U.S. Amateur Chess Championship. Students participated in the Kiwanis Club Jr. Olympics and two students participated as Pages during the 2004 Legislative Session in the Florida House of Representatives.

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The 2004-2005 school year proved to be a very exciting one. Our students outshone themselves in many venues. One of the highlights of the year was the fifth grade winning the National Southwest Airline Adopt-A-Pilot contest. Out of over 400 schools in the entire nation, the 5th grade students won a trip to Washington D.C. which was the Grand Prize. The curriculum completed by the students was developed in cooperation with the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, the National Association of Teachers of Math and Science and other curriculum specialists in the areas of Science, Geography, History, and Creative Writing.

Academically the students excelled to be in the top 4% in the nation as measured by their nationally standardized test scores. Grades 3-8 improved their grade equivalency by an average of 3.5 years on these standardized tests. 49% of the 7th grade class qualified for the prestigious Duke University Talent Search. These students took the SAT college boards. Three of these students were recognized by Duke University for their high math and verbal scores. Thirteen of the twenty-five 8th graders scored above the national average on the 2005 Scholastic Challenge, and 21 students in 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade received superior achievement levels on the Florida Mathematics League test. One student was selected to go to the state competition for their Daughters of the American Revolution essay. Students received 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in the Volusia County Social Studies Fair and went on to the state competition. The middle school students won many honors at the Volusia County Foreign Language Festival including bringing home, for the first time ever, the third place overall trophy. This year the students participated in the 2005 Craftsman/NSTA Young Inventors Awards Program. This program encouraged the students to combine their creativity and imagination with science technology, and mechanical ability to invent and build a tool. The winners were sent to the NSTA, National Science Teachers Association, for further judging. Students took top honors at the Deland Women's Club Spelling Bee. And two students attended the prestigious Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C.

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Several of the middle school students participated in Blue Ribbon Action in the Neighborhoods (B.R.A.I.N). The B.R.A.I.N. program allows the students to problem solve using computer technology while having the opportunity to interact with the professionals in the building industry. Eventually the students will build a house from inception to completion and donate the house to a needy family.

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The 2005-2006 school year began with the Kick off of the Capital Campaign. Throughout the year we waited to have the groundbreaking for the new Family Life Center, new classrooms, media and computer labs, renovations of the upper elementary school and the new Prek-3 classrooms. The ground breaking took place on May 19, 2006. Construction will begin during the summer of 2006. The school and the church worked together as partners to raise over \$2.4 million dollars. The Board of Trustees, parents, Grandparents, Alumni, and friends of the school were very generous in their giving. Many volunteer hours and activities contributed to this massive fund raising project.

This was the year that St. Barnabas Episcopal School had its five year re-accreditation by the Florida Council of Independent Schools. St. Barnabas has been accredited each year from 1972. The accreditation team bestowed the following accolades upon the school:

- The committee commends St. Barnabas on its gracious hospitality bestowed upon the FCIS visiting team.
- The school should be commended for its willingness to embrace innovative curriculum approaches and ideas.
- The quality of teaching instruction is to be commended.
- The commitment by the church and school community to the success of the school is distinct.
- The school is commended for developing a student-focused culture.
- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church should be commended for supporting and encouraging the growth of the school as a mission of the church.
- The unity and clarity displayed by the vestry, the rector, the school board and the head is to be commended.
- The contribution of the parent advisory council to the success of the school is exceptional.
- The financial management of the school is exceptional.
- The dedication and commitment of the faculty to the school is to be commended.
- The campus is attractive and well maintained.

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Two faculty members, Martie Cox, first Grade Teacher, and Dr. Barbara Savage, Assistant Head of School, were nominated to Outstanding Educators of America.

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The 2006-2007 school year began with significant construction on the campus. The new entrance and pavilion at the church entrance enhanced the look of the campus. Significant progress was made at the beginning of the year to begin construction of the Family Life Center. By August 1, 2007 all construction was completed on the campus, and \$2.4 million raised to complete phase II of construction. Marshall Bone, Contractor, did an outstanding job in staying within the timeline of one year of construction and within the constraints of the budget. The Family Life Center including a kitchen with storage rooms, bathrooms, a stage with storage rooms, 4 classrooms on the second floor, and the renovation of the classrooms on the second floor of the Elementary Building were all completed within the one year promised by Marshall Bone. The Shaping Our Future Task Force II saw the fruition of 3 years of extensive planning and fund raising. The committee members involved in this intensive planning were: J. Hoyle Rymer, Chairman; Mike Barrett, Kirk Gunby, Fr. Don Lyon, Allen Watts, Karen L. Lyon, Dennis Weir, Barry MacCoy, Nancy Kline, Marie Hendricks, Church Accountant, and Loretta Fazekas, Development Officer for the School.

Academically our students were as strong as ever. During this school year students again scored within the top 4% of the nation as they had in the previous year. In addition, eleven 7th graders

qualified for the prestigious Duke University Talent Search. These students qualified because they received a 95% or greater on the ITBS. Three students received state recognition. This is the second year that an 8th grader participated in a Duke University TIP 2007 Summer Studies Program. In competing in the American Scholastic Achievement League Scholastic_Challenge 2007 students participated in an online competition against 22,000 very knowledgeable students in American Schools worldwide. 7 St. Barnabas' students scored above the national average of 58. Locally, 7 students (grades 6-8) were selected to go to the Volusia County Social Studies Fair. Two 8th grade students received awards. Fifty-five students (grades 6-8) participated in a variety of venues at the Foreign Language Arts Festival, Volusia County, taking First Place in the County. At the Volusia County Science Fair: An 8th grade student won 3rd place in a competition among 200 students with her project, "*Effects of pH on the Dissolution Rates of Over-The Counter-Analgesics*". One 5th grade student was invited to attend the Junior National Leadership Conference in Washington, DC.

Our younger students were champions at the United States Chess Federation's National Scholastic K-12 Collegiate Championship. In the 1st competition a 1st grade student won 1st place nationally and a classmate won 3rd place among unrated players. In a 2nd competition two teams of students competed. One team consisting of a 1st grader, 3rd grader, and two 5th graders won 1st place in the Under 800 Division.

The Fourth Annual Fund Campaign was very successful raising over \$130,000. This was a joint effort between the Parent Advisory Council, The Board of Trustees, parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends of the school who were very generous in their giving. The Development Officer, Loretta Fazekas, found very creative ways to raise money for the annual fund including a golf Tournament, a parent social, and participating in the International Speedway races which allowed the school to exceed the planned giving goal this year. In addition, the Rotary Breakfast Club donated \$3,200 to the Scholarship Fund which they have done annually since 2003.

The students of St. Barnabas Episcopal School maintained their community service through various activities throughout the year. They raised over \$6000 for the American Heart Association. They also sent Christmas boxes to needy children around the world through Franklin Graham's Good Samaritan Program.

The school year ended with a population of 383 students and 29 graduates. The graduates were accepted in to International Baccalaureate programs, Advanced Placement programs, and private preparatory schools. We are very proud of all of the students at St. Barnabas Episcopal School and all of their accomplishments and successes. Dr. Barbara Savage retired and moved to Texas to be closer to her children and grandchildren. Paul Garcia became her successor.

The 2007-2008 school year began with the kickoff of the school's 35th Anniversary and St. Barnabas Episcopal Church's 125th Anniversary. A celebration of both anniversaries and a Dedication of our new Family Life Center were held in October. The Family Life Center was formally named the "Harwood Center" in honor of the Brown Family.

Academically our students were stronger than ever. During this school year students again scored within the top 4% in the nation as they had in the previous year. Our students are testing between 2 and 5 years (grade equivalent) ahead of their peers nationally.

Eleven 7th graders qualified for the prestigious Duke University Talent Search. These students qualified because they received a 95% or greater on the ITBS. One student received state recognition by scoring in the top 30% of the talent search pool. In competing in the American Scholastic Achievement League 2008 Scholastic Challenge, our 8th graders participated in an online competition against 18,000 very knowledgeable students in American Schools worldwide. Thirteen St. Barnabas students scored above the national average of 52.

Locally, 12 students (grades 6-8) were selected to go to the Volusia County Social Studies Fair. One 8th graders won first place and represented our school in the state competition. One 7th grade students won a special award from Stetson University Multicultural Institute for her project and presentation. Fifty-five students again this year (grades 6-8) participated in a variety of venues at Volusia County's Foreign Language Arts Festival. Seventeen students received first place awards and the school received first place overall. 4th-8th grade students participated in the Florida Mathematics League: 10 of the 40 students in 4th grade, 12 out of the 40 students in 5th grade, 27 students out of 103 middle school students earned national honors scoring above the national average. 3 students, 1 from 2nd grade, another from 3rd grade, and one student from 4th grade won 1st place in the DeLand Women's Club Spelling Bee. 5 middle school students were selected to attend the Jr. National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C..

This year the Middle School Science teachers decided to take a new approach to science presentations. The 2008 student-created science exposition was designed to showcase the talent and scientific interest of the entire middle school. This expo let the students have full choice of activity and choice of the method of delivery. The following is a list of award categories that the school used to judge and award outstanding student performance: Display of Knowledge Award, Interesting and Creative Science Displays, Science Career Awards, and Crowd Pleaser Awards. Each Kindergarten through 5th grade had exhibits to be displayed during the expo as well.

The Harwood Center has now also become the hub for many athletic events. We are very proud of our undefeated 7th & 8th grade boys basketball team. Our athletic programs under the direction of Jeff Shaw this year included flag football, cheerleading, girl's volleyball, basketball, tennis, golf, and LaCrosse. This year we began an athletic booster's program called, "Crusader Club." The Crusader Club is open to all parent and friends of our athletic programs with the purpose of providing volunteer support to raise funds for specific athletic needs and scholarships.

The Fifth Annual Fund Campaign was very successful in raising over \$108,000. This was a joint effort between the Parent Advisory Council, The Board of Trustees, faculty/staff, parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends of the school who were very generous in their giving. The Development Officer, Loretta Fazekas, continued to implement very creative ways to raise money for the annual giving including a golf tournament, a parents social, and participating in the International Speedway races concessions. In addition, the Rotary Breakfast Club donation \$3,000 to the Scholarship Fund which they have done annually since 2003.

A new scholarship fund was established in honor of Cecil M. Cassady. Mr. Cassady was appointed Principal of the school in May 1984. He passed away in March, 2008. His grandson graduated from the 8th grade in May, 2008. All memorial gifts totaling over \$10,000 given to date have been designated for scholarship awards for students entering the 2008-2009 school year.

For years we have been using the Beers Creek Property in Lake Helen for our Enrichment Program. The Taylor Conference Center, Lewis and Caryn G. Long have donated the land to St. Barnabas Church and School for its use as a children's park and children's outdoor learning center.

Professional development for our faculty has taken three tracks this school year. The first initiative is "6+1 Writing Traits." This provided a school wide curriculum, practical methods to teach, and a uniform method to correct writing pieces. Now in our second year of implementation, we are seeing strong writing skills developing and excellent results at all grade levels. The second initiative is for all teachers to incorporate geography in their lessons and daily routine. The third initiative is called the Sputnik Goal. Sputnik was launched 50 years ago this year. It dramatically changed the way that science and math were taught in the U.S. The teachers were challenged to incorporate something that they had not tried before that would "innovate" their approach to teaching and give that Sputnik" moment to their students. All of the teachers rose to the challenge and our 2nd grade teachers, Charlotte Holt and Kim Winters won the first place prize. Their Sputnik idea: "Teachers' Pet" – a combined project and collaboration on writing about St. Barnabas teachers' and staffs' pets by the 2nd graders guided and taught by the 8th graders. They created a book to sell and the proceeds went to a local animal shelter.

The students of St. Barnabas Episcopal School exceed their level of community service through various activities throughout the year. Our Student Government creative helped our students to collect over 3,800 can food items to keep the Faith At Work food pantry well stocked during the holidays. Our K-8th grade students raised over \$4,200 for the American Heart Association. They also sent Christmas boxes to needy children around the world through Franklin Graham's Good Samaritan Purse.

The school year ended with a population of 381 students and 27 graduates. The graduates were accepted in to International Baccalaureate programs, Advanced Placement programs, and private preparatory schools. We are very proud of all of the students at St. Barnabas Episcopal School and all of their accomplishments and successes.

Students attending in the 2008-2009 school year continued to be academically stronger than ever. During this school year students again scored within the top 4% in the nation as they had in the previous year. Our students are testing between 2 and 5 years (grade equivalent) ahead of their peers nationally.

Eighteen 7th graders qualified for the prestigious Duke University Talent Search. These students qualified because they received a 95% or greater on the ITBS. Seven students received state recognition by scoring 510 on the math or verbal test. In competing in the American Scholastic Achievement League 2008 Scholastic Challenge, our 8th graders participated in an online

competition against 18,000 very knowledgeable students in American Schools worldwide. Thirteen St. Barnabas students scored above the national average of 52 with one student scoring an 80%.

Locally, 5 students (grades 6-8) were selected to go to the Volusia County Social Studies Fair. One 8th grader won second place and represented our school in the state competition. One 7th grade student won a special award from Stetson University Multicultural Institute for her project and presentation. Fifty-five students again this year (grades 6-8) participated in a variety of venues at Volusia County's Foreign Language Arts Festival. Seventeen students received first place awards and the school received first place overall. 4th-8th grade students participated in the Florida Mathematics League: 10 of the 40 students in 4th grade, 12 out of the 40 students in 5th grade, 27 students out of 103 middle school students earned national honors scoring above the national average. 3 students, 1 from 2nd grade, another from 3rd grade, and one student from 4th grade won 1st place in the DeLand Women's Club Spelling Bee. 5 middle school students were selected to attend the Jr. National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C..

The 2009-2010 school year commenced with our faculty members' receiving a special welcome and blessing by Fr. Don Lyon held in the church sanctuary. The first day of school is always a special beginning for all of our Kindergarten through 8th Grade students. They assemble in the church for their first of many weekly worship services. Advances in marketing efforts made the 2009-2010 school year begin with an all-time high enrollment of 403 students.

Again, our students scored within the top 4% in the nation as they had in the previous four years. Our students are testing between 2 and 5 years (grade equivalent) ahead of their peers nationally.

Twenty-two 7th graders qualified for the prestigious Duke University Talent Search. These students qualified because they received a 95% or greater on the ITBS. Three students received state recognition by scoring in the top 30% of the talent search pool. Two students also qualified for the Academy. In competing in the American Scholastic Achievement League 2009 Scholastic Challenge, our 8th graders participated in an online competition against 18,000 very knowledgeable students in American Schools worldwide. The national average this year was 53%. Sixteen out of thirty-eight St. Barnabas students received a score of 53% or higher, with our highest being 75%.

Locally, students (grades 6-8) were selected to go to the Volusia County Social Studies Fair. Thirteen students placed in the top three within the following categories: Crafts, Exhibits, Documentary, and Performance. Two students from this group advanced to the State level in Tallahassee.

Sixty-eight students (grades 6-8) participated in a variety of venues at Volusia County's Foreign Language Arts Festival. Sixty-three students received first place awards and the school received first place, twenty-four students placed 2nd, and six students placed third.

4th-8th grade students participated in the Florida Mathematics League: Forty-nine students earned National Honors scoring above the national average. Five of our middle school students were requested to participate in the Orlando Repertory theatre, 7th Annual Writes of Spring Contest.

All five received Honorable Mentions and their poems and short stories were included in a spring production at the theatre.

The student-created science exposition was designed to showcase the talent and scientific interest of the entire middle school. This expo let the students have full choice of activity and choice of the method of delivery. The following is a list of award categories that the school used to judge and award outstanding student performance: Display of Knowledge Award, Interesting and Creative Science Displays, Science Career Awards, and Crowd Pleaser Awards. Each Kindergarten through 5th grade had exhibits to be displayed during the expo as well.

St. Barnabas Episcopal School is now the leader in the amount of sports programs for its student (K-8) in West Volusia (public and private). We are very proud of our Boys Varsity basketball team for their 1st Place win in the Tri-County Christian League. Our athletic programs, under the direction of Jeff Shaw, this year included flag football, cheerleading, Girls' volleyball, basketball, tennis, golf, boxing, and soccer. Our athletic booster's program called, "Crusader Club." Through countless volunteer initiatives they provided funding for a variety of athletic needs. Crusader Scholarships were given to two 8th grade students (one male and one female).

The Sixth Annual Fund Campaign was very successful by raising over \$88,700. This was a joint effort between the Parent Advisory Council, The Board of Trustees, faculty/staff, parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends of the school who were very generous in their giving. The Development Officer, Loretta Fazekas, continued to implement very creative ways to raise money for the annual giving including a golf tournament, a social, and participating in the International Speedway races concessions.

The school tripled the amount of financial aid from previous years to reach out to more families who have experienced difficult circumstances as a result of the economy. Thirty-three students were able to attend the school as a result of a state funded corporate tax credit scholarship called Step Up For Students.

Professional development for our faculty has taken two tracks this school year. The first initiative was a focus on reading comprehension. The advent of our upcoming FCIS Review for re-accreditation launched our second initiative for all teachers. The year began with an introduction to Curriculum Mapping. Teachers began with creating a syllabus for each subject area. Once these were completed they created their initial year at a glance curriculum maps. This process will aid in fine tuning our curriculum development across the board.

The students of St. Barnabas Episcopal School exceed their level of community service through various activities throughout the year. Our Student Government creative helped our students to collect over 3,800 can food items to keep the Faith-At-Work food pantry well stocked during the holidays. Our K-8th grade students raised over \$4,200 for the American Heart Association. They also sent 380 Christmas shoe boxes to needy children around the world through Franklin Graham's organization Good Samaritan Purse.

The school year ended with a population of 397 students and 38 graduates. The graduates were accepted in to International Baccalaureate programs, Advanced Placement programs, and private

preparatory schools. We are very proud of all of the students at St. Barnabas Episcopal School and all of their accomplishments and successes. Karen Lyon celebrated her 15th year as Head of the school.

The 2010-2011 school year commenced with our faculty members' receiving a special welcome and blessing by Fr. Don Lyon held in the church sanctuary. Fr. Don inspired everyone with a reminder that "we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us." Our enrollment for the beginning of the year was 373 students. There were 69 new students, 304 returning students, 56 new families and 219 returning families.

Again, our students scored within the top 4% in the nation as they had in the previous five years. Our students are testing between 2 and 5 years (grade equivalent) ahead of their peers nationally.

27 Middle School students are active Tomorrow's Leaders Today (TLT). This is the third year in a row that TLT has performed outreach projects in our community. They received \$1,000, Y.A.R. Grant, from Stetson University for their outreach project. They donated time and service to a Soup Kitchen, delivered 25 personal care gift bags, and donated a new bicycle to the Neighborhood Center.

5 Middle School students were selected to attend this week-long Junior National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. They were selected for their outstanding academic achievements and the potential they display as future leaders. These students automatically become a part of the Advisory Team for TLT.

Nineteen 7th graders qualified for the prestigious Duke University Talent Search. These students qualified because they received a 95% or greater on the ITBS. One student attended the state level competition.

The American Scholastic Achievement League Scholastic Challenge 2010-2011 involved the participation of over 10,000 very knowledgeable students attending American schools worldwide. This was an online competition for 8th graders which required an in-depth knowledge in many subject areas. The national average this year was 52%. 23 out of 41 of our 8th grade students received a score of 52% or higher, with our highest score of 74%.

Explore ACT ...part of SAT/ACT test series. Explore ACT is designed for 8th grade students. The students were compared to tens of thousands of 8th grade students nationally who took the test in October, 2010. Our students tested dramatically higher than the national average on all of the sub tests.

5th-8th grade students participated in the Florida Mathematics League Contest, which is a written test consisting of challenging math problems. 64 students earned National Honors scoring above the national average.

The student-created science exposition was designed for the second year in a row to showcase the talent and scientific interest of the entire middle school. This expo let the students have full choice of activity and choice of the method of delivery. The following is a list of award categories that the school used to judge and award outstanding student performance: Display of

Knowledge Award, Interesting and Creative Science Displays, Science Career Awards, and Crowd Pleaser Awards. Each Kindergarten through 5th grade had exhibits to be displayed during the expo as well.

Writes of Spring: Students from grades 6-8 were requested to participate in the Orlando Repertory Theatre's 8th Annual Writes of Spring Contest. 3 of our students received Honors for their poems and short stories. These poems and short stories were produced as part of a Spring production at the theatre.

This is the 3rd year partnering with the Orlando Shakespeare Theatre. Our 6th grade students study this historical period, learn to read and understand Shakespeare, and go to a performance of the play. The students are tutored by 2 actors and the director who produced the performance held here in the Harwood Center.

Class of 2011 - Forty-Five 8th Grade Graduates:

High School Credits Earned: 25 students earned an Algebra I Credit, 14 students earned a Spanish I Credit, 20 students earned a Biology Credit

What High Schools Are They Attending? 19 DeLand High, 18 Father Lopez High, 1 University High School, 1 St. Andrews Episcopal School in Delaware, 1 Mainland High School, 1 Bishop Moore Catholic High School, 1 Lake Mary High School, 1 Oxford High School, Oxford Mississippi, 1 Lake Mary Preparatory School, 1 Deltona High School

Entrance Into Higher Level Programs: 13 accepted into International Baccalaureate (I.B.), 11 accepted into Honors, 1 accepted into an Academy, 2 accepted into Advanced Placement Levels Florida Council of Independent Schools.

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Professional development for our faculty centered on our upcoming FCIS Review for re-accreditation. Much of the year involved completing our Year-At-A-Glance Curriculum Maps for each subject for each grade.

St. Barnabas Episcopal School has maintained continuous accreditation from the Florida Council of Independent Schools since 1972. In March, 2011 we went through the re-accreditation process and received several commendations from FCIS.

St. Barnabas Episcopal School remains the leader in the amount of sports programs for its student (K-8) in West Volusia (public and private). We are very proud of our Girls Varsity Volleyball Team as well as our Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball Teams Team for their 1st Place

wins in the Tri-County Christian Leagues. Our Tennis Team won the Volusia County Junior Tennis League Championship. Our athletic programs, under the direction of Jeff Shaw, this year included flag football, cheerleading, girls volleyball, basketball, tennis, golf, boxing, and soccer. Our athletic booster's program called, "Crusader Club." Through countless volunteer initiatives they provided funding for a variety of athletic needs. Crusader Scholarships were given to two 8th grade students (one male and one female) for the third year in a row.

Our music and fine arts programs continue to develop. This year a new string instrument program, under the direction of Mrs. Hays, was started for students in Grades 3-5. Ms. Hill, a recent graduate from Stetson University, provided the instruction twice a week and a performance in April.

The Seventh Annual Fund Campaign was very successful which raised over \$103,000. This was a joint effort between the Parent Advisory Council, The Board of Trustees, faculty/staff, parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends of the school who were very generous in their giving. The Development Officer, Loretta Fazekas, continued to implement very creative ways to raise money for the annual giving including a golf tournament, a spring social, and participating in the International Speedway races concessions.

The school increased the amount of financial aid from previous years to reach out to more families who have experienced difficult circumstances as a result of the economy. Sixty-two students received financial aid from the school. Forty-seven students were able to attend the school as a result of a state funded corporate tax credit scholarship called Step Up For Students.

The school year ended with a population of 374 students and 45 graduates. Fr. Don Lyon retired on May 1st after serving as Rector, Chaplain, and Chair of the Board of Trustees.