

Congratulations Class of 2010.

The Senior Class of 2010 cordially invites you to its graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 16, at 2 p.m. in the High School gym.

8th Grade Graduation. The Saint Albert 8th grade class will mark its graduation into High School with a ceremony on Thursday, May 20, at 7 p.m. in the gym.

6th Grade Culmination Ceremony. Saint Albert will host a Mass and 6th grade culmination ceremony on Friday, May 21, at 8:45 a.m. in the Elementary gym. All are welcome to attend to recognize the 6th graders and wish them well in the transition to Junior High.

SA Ambassadors Meeting on May 10. The SA Ambassadors will meet on Monday, May 10, at 1 p.m. in the Elementary Art Room. The guest speaker will be Ken Schreiber, assistant principal and activities director. Stop by for fun and fellowship with the SA Ambassadors.

Faurot Takes 6th in French Contest. Congratulations to Saint Albert Sophomore Mary Faurot for placing 6th in the 2010 National French Contest for the State of Iowa. Mary was the only student from a small school who placed in the top 10.

Students are selected to participate in the contest based on academic performance in French 2.

Faurot will now go on to compete at the state finals level by completing a test in Cedar Falls on May 15. Best of luck, Mary!

Last Day of School on May 21. The last day of school for the year will be Friday, May 21. Students will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. that day. Thank you to our families for another great year!

Auction and Raffle Gross \$328,000 for School

About 650 people attended the 29th Annual Saint Albert Benefit Auction on April 24 – and the Mid-America Center “castle” was abuzz with activity during this “Knight for the Kids.”

According to President Jim Rouse, the Auction and “Go Green” cash raffle grossed about \$328,000 for Saint Albert. While that result was down from last year’s effort, Rouse said he was pleased with the result given the current economic environment.

“Our extended Saint Albert family once again rose to the challenge to support these two major fund-raisers,” Rouse said. “We certainly are blessed by the hard work of our events coordinators and volunteers, as well as the generosity of the school, staff and community.”



Aside from the highest bidders on our auction items, other auction guests were winners of prizes and awards at the event. Pictured here is game host Sheila Ryan and **Kellie Clapper**, who won \$500 in the Quick Cash card game.

Mike and Linda Golwitzer

also were presented with the Freddie Falcon Award for their time and talents offered on behalf of not only the school, but the Auction in particular.



And of course, our other big winners of the evening were our “Go Green” raffle winners:

\$25,000 Grand Prize — Mike Davis
\$5,000 Prize — Melissa Williams
\$1,000 Prize— Dwain Pedersen
\$1,000 Prize — Dr. Steve Black
\$1,000 Prize — Russ Kurth

When Davis claimed his grand prize, he said he was “absolutely shocked” to win. He plans to pay off a few bills and then is going to put the rest of the money in the bank and “just think about what to do with it for a while.”

All total, 2,488 tickets were sold for the raffle. ***Thank you to all who supported these important fund-raisers!***

New Scrip Participants Bring More Tuition Savings!

With all of the school’s efforts to reduce costs for the 2010-2011 school year budget, one of the goals of the Saint Albert Scrip Office is to increase participation in the program. It’s free money limited only by our use of it.

In March, Saint Albert families purchased \$166,001.92 in Scrip. That means the school made a profit of \$3,192.89, and that same amount was credited to the tuition accounts of participating families. If you’re not involved in the program, why not??

Please contact Natalie Burkey at 329-9000 with any questions. Or better yet, talk to some of our Scrip “regulars” – Kevin and Jill White, Peter & Norma Finn, or Brian & Kelly Pearce to see who the program has benefited their family. Tuition savings are at your fingertips. Contact the Scrip Office now at 329-9000 to sign up.

DI Teams Go Global

Four teams from Saint Albert Elementary are headed to the Destination Imagination Global Finals in Knoxville, TN on May 25-30. The teams each won first place in the Cre8lowa state Destination Imagination competition in Ames for their solutions to challenges in their divisions.

According to Elementary Principal Anne Jensen, nine teams from Saint Albert were selected to participate in the state competition and four advanced to Globals. "This is the first time that four teams from Council Bluffs have ever advanced to the global competition. To have all of the teams from Saint Albert is a true honor," Jensen said. "This program validates the academic achievement of our students."

The sixth grade Tye Diz (top photo), with Kim Otto and Jen Casson as team managers, completed Project Outreach, a service project challenge. Members include: front row: Emily Casson. Second row: Katelyn Otto, Bailey Tague and Kasi Cox. Back row: Jaz Nelson, Mary Casson and Morgan Pattermann.

The fifth grade Bloomin Brainstrs (second photo) participated in DO or DI. Along with managers Sue Martin and Mariann Hilderbrand, team members include front row: Ellie Helton and Nicole Hilderbrand. Second row: Elijah Finn, Trevor Rhedin, Zach Rew and Jacey Martin.

The fourth grade Team Supreme (third photo), participated in the DI-BOT robotic technology challenge. Team members include front row: Gabrielle Nelson and James Hoag. Second row: Catherine McCourt, Victoria Johanns, Alyssa Parks and Mason Dales. Not pictured are Teri Richt and team managers Denise Hoag and Karen Dales.

The third grade Grade Diggers (bottom photo) completed Breaking DI News, a structural engineering challenge. Members of the team are front row: Leo Garrigan. Second row: Maggie King and Gabrielle Burke. Back row: Jay Swords, Iowa DI Affiliate, and Team Manager Jodee Burke. Not pictured: Aaron Russell.

Destination Imagination is an international organization that promotes problem-solving, creativity and teamwork. Teams from all over the world will compete in the Global Finals.

(Fund-raising is underway to help with traveling expenses to Tennessee. If you would like to contribute, send your donation to Saint Albert Elementary DI, 400 Gleason Avenue, Co. Bluffs, IA 51503 or call 712-323-3703.)



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