

A VERY SPECIAL GIFT BRINGS UNDERSTANDING TO MANY

St. Croix has been blessed by God with continued opportunities to share the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ with many students from around the world. These international students come with varying abilities in English. Imagine the challenge of living in a new culture, learning new concepts and new terms in a new language.



Thanks to the generous gift of a St. Croix supporter, the language obstacle for Bible Knowledge classes has been greatly diminished. This year, new international students received their own bilingual Bible allowing them to follow along in class with the English as well as read about God's saving love in their own heart-language.

Bible translations provided include Brazilian Portuguese, Chinese, French, Korean, Japanese, Spanish, Thai, and Vietnamese. Now, as a new term is encountered in class, they can study the word and its context in their own language and then explain the meaning in their own words. Since these bibles are theirs to keep, we pray that God will continue to speak to them through his Word even beyond their time at St. Croix.

Our heartfelt thanks to the donor who so graciously provided the bibles. God bless you!

(Rev. J. Leach, SCL Campus Pastor)

TWO CLASSES ADDED

A shop class at St. Croix? That's right. For the first time in the history of the school, 12 seniors are learning about small engines and wood-working projects from instructor, Mr. Paul Weihsing, in the **Applied Technology** class. When asked what they liked best about this new class the students comments included: we like the "hands on" projects; it's interesting to use math to calculate the diameter of an engine part; we are gaining a knowledge of tools and how to use them; we're not afraid to get our hands dirty!

If a students' interests lie in the area of English, then the new class **College in the Classroom** may be just the thing. Dr. Carrie Pfiefer is instructor for this advanced writing class that includes Introduction to Fiction and Creative Writing. Through an arrangement with Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, MN, students can earn college credit for this course.

STUDENT NEWS

Senior **Jennifer P.** signed with Division II Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD, to play golf as in inter-collegiate sport. Jenny plans to major in nursing or possibly pre-med.

Rebekah D. and **Gunnar F.** participated in the Science Research Institute this past summer at Northwestern College in Roseville. Applicants were selected based on high school performance in math and science and recommendations from instructors. The SRI dealt with ecology and microbiology. Rebekah and Gunnar spent the first two weeks of their study outside gathering data for their project. Much of their summer consisted of lots of measurements and lab work and completing a Powerpoint presentation of their study. Part of their obligations for

being accepted in the SRI was to make presentations at various schools.

St. Croix is pleased to announce that the following students have been named Commended Students in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students are recognized for their exceptional academic promise demonstrated by their outstanding performance on the recognized qualifying test used for program entry. Congratulations to: **Braden F., Jacob L., Sarah R., and Rachel S.**

Rachel S. has qualified as a Semifinalist in the National Achievement Scholarship program for Black American high school seniors. She is among some 1,600 students across the nation who now have an opportunity to continue in

the competition for approximately 800 Achievement Scholarship awards worth more than \$2.4 million to be offered next spring. Congratulations, Rachel, and much success in your continued achievements!

Advanced Placement (AP) courses and the number of students who take AP tests for college credit increases every year. This year 80 students took one or more tests, and of those tests 100 scores were a 3, 4, or 5 - the range in which college credits are awarded. AP tests were taken in: biology, calculus AB & BC, computer science, English literature and composition, German, macroeconomics, microeconomics, statistics, music theory, Spanish, physics, and psychology.

Alumni News

Class of 1986

The Class of 1986 held their 25th class reunion on August 13, 2011. Thirteen members of the class attended the gathering at Cowboy Jack's in Bloomington. Classmates, along with many spouses, enjoyed some great activities that sent all of us back to the '80s. It was great to catch up with everyone and hear how their lives have changed over the last 25 years. Later in the evening we were joined by alumni from the classes of '85, '87, and '88. (submitted by Heidi Catlin)



Nadia was 8 lbs. 9 oz. and was 21 1/2 in. long. She joins her big sister Madelynn who is now six. The family lives in Sheboygan, WI where Matt works for the Village of Kohler as an Arborist.

He celebrated nine years with the Village in February. Katie is in her seventh year with the Kohler School District and earned her Master's Degree in December 2010. In June they celebrated nine years of marriage.

Class of 1999

Karl Schwerin graduated from Martin Luther College in May 2011, and was assigned to Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton, WI where

he teaches earth science and coaches football and wrestling.

Class of 1999 & 2001

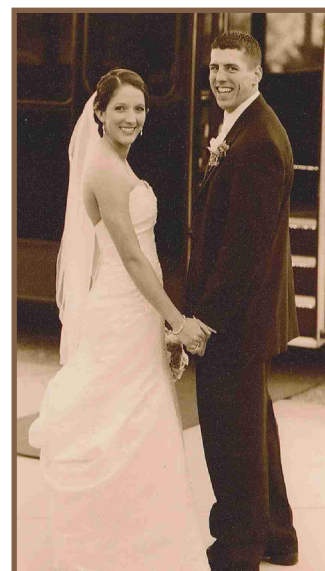
Andy ('01) and Stephanie (Henry)



Berwald ('99), along with big brother Aiden, welcomed their second child, Lorelei Jeanne, on May 2, 2011. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20 in. long. The Berwald family lives in White Bear Lake. Andy works for Berwald Roofing. Stephanie is a full time mom and is the only trainer/consultant for the *Incredible Years* curriculum in Minnesota.

Class of 2004

Lindsey Guerin and Jared Kasulke celebrated their first wedding anniversary on October 1, 2011. They were married at Crown of Life



Left to right: Joe Bendix, Kyle Ballentyne, Paul Tice, Mike Lemmer, Kim (Gobel) Nigro, Dawn Narducci, Denise (Volk) Escher, Sharyn (Siefert) Mantel, Joy (Loescher) Lee, Pam (Remington) Larson, Heidi (Caauwe) Catlin, Kara (Krueger) McCarthy (not pictured: Deniz (Anderson) McCoy)

Class of 1996

Matt Magle and wife Kathryn were blessed with the birth of their second daughter, Nadia Florence, on June 24.

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ALUMNI NEWS

We would like to include an "Alumni News" page in each issue of St. Croix Today. Please send us your news — job accomplishments, weddings, births, educational achievements, etc. Feel free to attach additional pages if you need more space. In addition to these announcements, please keep us informed of any address changes so you can continue to receive news about SCLHS. Thank you.

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Lutheran in West St. Paul. They now reside in Fairbanks, Alaska. Lindsey works as an RN at Bassett Army Community Hospital, and Jared is currently deployed to Afghanistan. He will return in the spring of 2012.

Class of 2005

Julia Rising-Werner and **Jens Loewenberg** were married on May 29, 2011 at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory at Como Zoo & Conservatory. They currently live in Lakeville. Jens graduated from Lakeville HS in 1998. He has a beautiful 11-year-



old daughter, **Kylie**. Julia and Jens met at the Ford Plant in St. Paul where they both work.

Class of 2007

Stephen Dahlke graduated cum laude from Carroll University on May 8, 2011, with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer software – software engineering-mathematics. Currently he is employed by Epic Systems as a Software Developer, working on the MyChart R&D team.

Class of 2008 and 2010

Last fall SCL music director, Mr. **Casey Pufahl**, visited University of Wisconsin, Madison and enjoyed watching

two former St. Croix band students perform with the Badger Marching Band. **Henry Meyer** ('08) and **CJ Fischer** ('10) are pictured here on New Year's Day 2011, outside the Rose Bowl stadium where they had the privilege to perform with the band.



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New Dormitories - \$6,500,000 St. Croix's residential housing program has grown to encompass 30% of the high school's enrollment. New dormitories will increase the opportunity for us to reach out to more families within the U. S. and around the world.

Music and Drama Center - \$4,000,000 The fine arts are vital to our mission of educating the total student and are important to our outreach. The addition of adequate rehearsal spaces for music and drama will help fully develop the artistic gifts of our students.

Activity Center- \$3,500,000 St. Croix's current indoor athletic space is inadequate for the demand. The number of activities requiring practice and/or game space, and students participating in these activities, has outgrown the current facilities.

Operational and Maintenance Endowment - \$1,000,000 An endowment will anticipate and cover the costs associated with the new dorm, music center, and activity center.

