

March 15, 2012

To the Waldorf School of Baltimore Community,


By now you have heard the unsettling news that the Upper School will – until some future date, it is hoped – cease operation this June. After graduating two classes in what was a noble and thorough effort, we are ending with the dignity and grace that accrues from deep and high quality accomplishments of faculty, staff, students and parents. Students experienced unparalleled scope and depth in their curriculum and in the adjunct activities available to them during the short life of the Upper School.

To those parents who, with vision and courage, united themselves and their families with the Upper School, we acknowledge you with honor and sincere gratitude. The undeniable fact is that there were just too few of you to carry the work into the future. This must be faced with honesty and responsibility. It is a sad and sobering reality.

Over the last five years, you chose to give your children (they are always our children no matter their age) the gift of the genius of the Waldorf High School curriculum as well as a sharing in all the initiatives and activities listed below. Thank you is our simple, humble and inadequate response to you.

Please know that all we did, we did out of love and respect for you and more, for the students you entrusted to us for their intellectual, social and artistic care. We did it for the sake of humanity and the world they will join and shape. We did it for the outcome, not for the income. Thank you again and may our blessing and good wishes follow you on your next steps and on the whole life of your children, our students.

Yours,



Donald Bufano
For the Upper School Faculty

P.S. Please feel free to call me at school or at home. I will be away starting Sunday, but call 240-535-0140 - mobile. I will answer or return your call as soon as I can.

Upper School Initiatives and Activities Since June 2007 (non-curriculum)

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| ▲ Academic Advisors | ▲ Baltimore Science Fair | (Waldorf Graduate) |
| ▲ Admissions Ambassadors | (Teacher & Parent Volunteer | Session |
| ▲ African Drumming | Judges, Administrators) | ○ College Visits |
| ▲ 3:30-4:30 After School | ▲ Back to School Nights | ○ Visiting College |
| Option (homework, tutor, | (Faculty Teach Mini | Speakers |
| socialize, relax) | Lessons to Parents) | ▲ Common Room (Designated |
| ▲ After School PSAT/SAT | ▲ Class Forums | Student Space) |
| Practice | ▲ College Counseling Service | ▲ CPR (for Faculty and |
| ▲ Afternoon Environs | ○ In-School | Students) |
| Cleaning | ○ With Specialist | ▲ Dances (Student Sponsored |
| ▲ Amnesty International | ○ Vassar College | with Other Schools Invited) |
| ▲ Anime Club (Student | Admissions Director | ▲ Electives |
| Initiative) | | |

- MD Boat Certificate (MD Department of Natural Resources)
- Woodworking
- Art Projects
- Classical Guitar
- Sustainability
- Jazz Band
- Eurythmy
- ACE , Biodigestor
- ▲ Environmental Community Service
 - Annual Toad Rescue
 - Clean Ups at Lake Roland, Gunpowder River, Jones Falls, & Western Run with Statewide Project Clean Stream
 - Tree Plantings with Gunpowder Valley Conservancy at Loch Raven Reservoir
 - Invasive Vine Removal in Cold Spring Community and Cylburn Arboretum
 - Assateague Island Nature Trail Maintenance
 - Bioneers Conference
 - Community Connection
- ▲ Eurythmy Workshops (Drumming/Poetry)
- ▲ Fashion Show
- ▲ Festival Participation
 - (9th/10th Grades Assist Children's Garden in the Autumn Festival)
 - (11th/12th Grades Assist Children's Garden in the Spring Festival)
 - Upper School Students Assist with the Children's Garden Lantern Walk
- ▲ Field Trips
 - All School Festivals
 - Local Streams (Science Track)
 - Antietam and Harper's Ferry (History)
 - Meteorological Stations (Science Track)
 - Cryptological Museum (Math)
 - D.C. Museum of Natural History (Geology, Environmental Science, Math)
 - N.Y. Museum of Natural History (History of Music, History of Architecture, Ancient Civilizations)
 - Sideling Hill (Geology)
 - Smithsonian (various times and subjects)
 - Soldier's Delight (Geology)
 - Hunt Valley Outcrops (Geology)
 - Columbus Biotech Center (Genetics, Environmental Science)
 - Hopkins Optics Lab (Optics)
 - Whitaker Science Center (Physics)
 - Hershey Park (Physics)
 - Caves in Virginia (Geology)
 - Nanticoke River (Botany)
- Old Growth Forest, Pretty Boy Reservoir (Botany)
- Walters Gallery (Art, Math & Physics)
- Hermit Island, Maine --Waldorf Seniors Marine Biology Week
- Smith Island (Environmental Science, Geophysics)
- Chesapeake Bay (Environmental Science, Geophysics)
- Heathcote Farm (Plant Chemistry)
- Genesee Valley (Astronomy)
- NASA (Astronomy)
- Body Worlds at MD Science Center (Anatomy & Physiology)
- Newseum (Social Studies & History)
- Monet Exhibit New York (private tour)
- Statue of Liberty (Chemistry) and Ellis Island (Social Studies)
- Brooklyn Bridge Engineering (Physics)
- WTC – "Ground Zero" Site
- Gala Theater Washington
- ▲ First Grade/Senior Lunch & Recess
- ▲ Foreign Exchange
 - Language
 - Cultural (Russia, Uganda, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Hungary)
 - Asociación Cívica Cultivarte
 - Visiting Students

- ▲ Fundraising Projects
 - Bake sales
 - Car washes
 - Dances
 - Popcorn
 - Smoothies
 - Fashion Show
 - Garage Sale
 - ▲ Hallway Art Displays
 - ▲ Handbook
 - ▲ Homework Website
 - ▲ Hosted Breakfasts and Lunches (for 8th Grade)
 - ▲ Intervention and Mediation (Among Classes and Between Students)
 - ▲ Junior Year Internships
 - Smithsonian
 - Shakespeare Theater
 - German Waldorf School
 - Peruvian Waldorf School
 - University of Maryland Laboratory
 - Medical and Veterinary Practices (not the same practice ☺)
 - Independent Business Initiative
 - Music Studio
 - Food Pantry
 - Under Armour
 - Mayor's Office
 - Visionary Arts Museum
 - Architectural Firm
 - District Court
 - ▲ Junior Play
 - ▲ MacBook Laptops
 - ▲ Maryland Green School
 - Recycling
 - Composting
 - Bee Hives
 - ▲ Michaelmas Games
 - ▲ Model UN
 - State Department Conference
- ▲ Monday All-Upper School Opening
 - ▲ Movie and Panini Nights
 - ▲ NIH Surplus Scientific Property Acquisition
 - ▲ Open Houses (Faculty Presentations, Student Ambassadors)
 - ▲ Passport to the Future
 - ▲ Presidential Inaugural Address (Hosted All School Viewing in MPR)
 - ▲ PSAT Test Center
 - ▲ Public Eurythmy Performance (Creative Alliance)
 - ▲ Rose Ceremony (Change from 1st and 8th Grade to 1st and 12th Grade with Assistance from 8th Grade)
 - ▲ Saratoga Springs Blocks (3 Weeks)
 - ▲ SAT/PSAT Preparation
 - ▲ School ID's
 - ▲ School Profile for Colleges
 - ▲ Science Lab
 - Design with Professional Support
 - Acquisition of Chemical Supplies and Lab Equipment
 - Solicited Microscopes (JHU, Donation)
 - Solicited Geology Collection (JHU, Indefinite Loan)
 - Telescope (Parent Donation)
 - ▲ Senior Graduation
 - ▲ Senior Play
 - ▲ Senior Projects
 - Motorcycle Rebuild
 - Music CD
 - Art Portfolio
 - Video Project
 - Music Research
 - Poetry – Photography
- Early Childhood Education Internship
 - ▲ Senior Prom (Coordinated with WWS)
 - ▲ Senior Retrospective Week
 - ▲ Senior Service Trips
 - Service
 - Education
 - Reflection
 - ▲ Senior Validation Circle
 - ▲ Service Week
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - Camphill Kimberton Hills
 - Patuxent Wildlife Refuge & Research Center
 - ▲ Social Community Service
 - Esperanza Center
 - Casa de Maryland
 - Victims of Torture Refugee Center
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - Stream Water Clean-Up/Tree Plantings/Invasive Removal
 - ▲ Shakespeare Theater Seminar
 - ▲ Speakers Series (Examples)
 - Maryland State Planning
 - ACE (Alliance for Climate Education)
 - Mountain Climber
 - Exonerated Death Row Prisoner
 - Environmental Journalist
 - Green Architect
 - Organic Farmer
 - Mortgage Bankers
 - Neuroscientist
 - City Recreation Entrepreneurs
 - Solar Household Energy
 - Pulitzer Center

- NOAA,
- RainCatcher
- ▲ Sports
 - League Champion Basketball Team
 - Kimberton High School Waldorf Basketball Tournament
 - Tennis
- ▲ Student Stage Sound and Light Technicians
- ▲ Triskeles Social Entrepreneur Sessions
- ▲ UNESCO
 - Video Conferencing
 - Seminars and Conferences (NY, DC)
 - International Rescue Committee,
- ▲ Visiting Block Teachers
- ▲ Whole-School Retreats (Beginning and End Year)
 - Blackburn Center
 - Appalachian Trail
 - Potomac River Rafting
 - Chestertown (Chester River)
 - Sandy Point Chesapeake Bay)
- ▲ Work Permits Issuer - Maryland Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation
- ▲ Writing Intensive Week
- ▲ Yearbooks
- ▲ Any omissions and oversights
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