

# YOUR ASJ Parent Fellowship Connection

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*Get involved, be involved, stay involved - the most important part of your child's education is you.*

## THE NEXT ASJ PARENT FELLOWSHIP MEETING IS JANUARY 14 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE ASJ PARLOR

*We will be talking about the 2007/2008 school year and the future of the ASJ Parent Fellowship. All parents, guardians, and caregivers are members of the ASJ Parent Fellowship and are invited to attend.*

### ASJ PARENT FELLOWSHIP COMMUNICATES

*ASJ Parent Fellowship helps everyone:*

- *Get involved in your child's education*
- *Meet other ASJ parents*
- *Promote ASJ and its programs*

Your participation as apparent, caregiver, guardian is an important part of the ASJ Parent Fellowship.

Look for the ASJ Parent Fellowship paper flyers and notices sent home on pink paper with your child to keep you updated on events.

The ASJ Parent Fellowship established a parent e-mail list for all communications. Look for e-mail communications from the ASJ Parent Fellowship in your Inbox.



Note: if you use spam filters or bulk e-mail tools, please unblock our address.

If your e-mail has changed, make sure that we have your e-mail address on file by sending a message with your new email address to [asj\\_fellowship@yahoo.com](mailto:asj_fellowship@yahoo.com)

Visit the official ASJ Web site at [www.asjli.org](http://www.asjli.org) for helpful information and links, including links to the ASJ Parent Fellowship newsletter at [www.asjli.org/news.htm](http://www.asjli.org/news.htm)

Check the 2007/2008 ASJ Calendar and plan to attend the monthly ASJ Parent Fellowship meetings.

Contact Catherine Parker with any questions or issues or ideas about the ASJ Parent Fellowship at [asj\\_fellowship@yahoo.com](mailto:asj_fellowship@yahoo.com)

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 16: ASJ High School Christmas Concert at 3 p.m.

Dec 18: ASJ Middle School Christmas Carol at 7 p.m.

Dec 19: ASJ Lower School Christmas Concert at 7 p.m.

No Late Buses on Dec 20

Vacation is from Dec 21 - Jan 2

School reopens on Jan 3

Jan 5: ASJ Yearbook Ads Due

Jan 7: Epiphany Liturgy at 1:00 p.m.

Jan 27: ASJ School Open House

Jan 28 to Feb 1: Catholic Schools Week & Book Fair

Feb 2: Nite at the Races

### Need Classroom and Station Parents

We are hoping to develop a streamlined telephone and/or e-mail system within each classroom and station. This would involve calling or e-mailing the teacher and parents of the children in the classroom or station.



Several parents have volunteered to act as contact points for the parents and the teacher for some classrooms and stations.

We would like to have at least two parents per classroom. Please e-mail ASJ Parent Fellowship at e-mail to [asj\\_fellowship@yahoo.com](mailto:asj_fellowship@yahoo.com) to volunteer.

## ASJ FASHION SHOW UPDATE

Chairperson KellyAnn Hammer reported that the Fashion Show fundraiser raised \$21,000 which fell short of its goal of \$30,000. It was a transition year and attendance was less by about 35 seats. All the committee chairs, students and guests had a wonderful time and enjoyed the evening. Highlights included the hair and make up done by our BOCES volunteers, our MC, the 100 baskets and other special raffles, the fashion show student models and model Coach Kenny!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make this a true ASJ community event!

If you have an opinions to share about the 2007 event ideas about the 2008 event, send an e-mail the ASJ Parent Fellowship meeting agenda, e-mail to [asj\\_fellowship@yahoo.com](mailto:asj_fellowship@yahoo.com)

### Mother's Day Plant Sale

We are hosting an ASJ Parent Fellowship Fundraiser to support events like the Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Dianne Myers will chair the Mother's Day Plant Sale the week of May 5. Look for more details to follow.



### ASJ HAS A THIRD DEFIBRILLATOR

#### WE NEED TWO DONATED CASES

S. Kerry advised that ASJ has received a donation of a third defibrillator from Tomorrow's Hope Foundation through the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The school is looking to hang them on the wall and needs two cases. If anyone can donate a case, please contact S. Kerry.

**AFTERNOON OF MUSIC:** S. Eileen advises that the recent Afternoon of Music raised over \$7000 for the ASJ Scholarship Fund. It was a pleasant afternoon of good music and friendship

**FACULTY UPDATE:** Dr. Mary De Rose, Coordinator of Staff Development, recently updated the ASJ Parent Fellowship about Mel Levine's bestseller, [A Mind at a Time](#).

On November 1, the ASJ staff held our first workshop to begin our training in the Eight Constructs. We began with Attention and Language, and will be studying Memory and Higher Order Cognition next. Ultimately, we also learn about Spatial and Sequential Ordering, Social Cognition and the Neuromotor functions of the brain.

Dr. Levine notes the following on his website, [allkindsofminds.org](http://allkindsofminds.org):

"Too many kids struggle and fail needlessly simply because the way in which they learn is incompatible with the way they're being taught. Schools are filled with kids who give up on themselves, are convinced they're "losers," and conclude they're just dumb. It's painful—for the student, teacher, and parent who may be unaware that the "wiring" of that child's brain simply is not in synch with the demands and expectations of the situations at hand."

"Telling a student 'you can do better' doesn't help, particularly when he's doing his best or has done his best to no avail. Punishing him for an inability to complete a particular task in a particular way, similarly, is ineffective. Yet these types of responses to those highly vulnerable kids are common."

The ASJ Staff is committed to learning as much as they can to help our students. Parents play a key role in the process and thus, we have given out information about Dr. Levine's publications and website with every report card.

As the Coordinator of Staff Development, I hope to provide parents with a special workshop in the spring. It is our hope that we can all learn how to reinforce and support the students and teachers at the Academy.

Please send your updated information to the ASJ Parent Fellowship either by e-mail or return to ASJ with your child.

PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT CLASSROOM/STATION: \_\_\_\_\_

UPDATED E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME/CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_