



## FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

### *Over the River ...*

A few years ago, Lydia Maria Child finally made *The Wall Street Journal*.

The author of words sung at my elementary school in Corning, New York, every year at this time—*Over the river and through the woods, / To grandmother's house we go*—Child might have



Mel MacKay

been surprised and perhaps a little disappointed to know that her name would remain in memory because of that children's song, and not through one of her other writings or activities, described in a front page *WSJ* article two hundred years after her birth. Seeing the article, I remembered reading a list that appeared in a diary Child kept. She

had written down some of the things she did in 1864, when she was sixty-two years old:

*Wrote 235 letters, 6 articles for newspapers, 47 autobiograph articles for Fairs, my Will.*

*Corrected Proofs for Sunset book, read aloud 6 pamphlets and 21 volumes, read to myself 7 volumes.*

*Made 25 needle books for freedwomen, 2 bivouac caps for soldiers, 2 pair of hospital socks; gathered and made peck of pickles for hospitals.*

*Knit 1 pair of socks, knit and made up 2 pairs of suspenders, knit six baby shirts for friends, knit 1 large afghan and made the fringe.*

*Made 1 spectacle case, 1 doormat, 1 lined woolen cape, 2 pair of corsets, 2 shirts, 1 chemise, 2 flannel shirts, three gowns, 1 shirt with waist, 1 thick cotton petticoat, 1 quilted petticoat, 1 silk gown, a double woolen dressing gown, 1 pair of carpet slippers, 4 towels, 3 large lined curtains, 3 small lined curtains, 4 pillow cases, new collars and wristbands to 6 shirts, 1 night cap, 1 pair of summer pantaloons, a starred crib quilt.*

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## National Merit Semifinalist Honored

Carolyn Ryder '08, daughter of Michael and Megan Ryder of Levant, is a semifinalist in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program, which honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest achievers on the PSAT in each state.



Carolyn Ryder '08

At Bapst, Carrie has earned numerous academic letters and awards. She is the recipient of the Princeton Book Award and the Society of Women in Engineering Achievement Award. She is a member of the school's Civil Rights Team, Key Club, Math Team, and Chamber Ensemble. She is an accomplished musician who has been recognized with several awards including selection to the All-State Music Festival for flute in both 2006 and 2007, serves as vice-president of the John Bapst Chapter of the National Honor Society, and has lettered in cross-country, swimming, and track. In track, Carrie was selected to the 2006-07 Penobscot Valley Conference All-Conference Second Team.

## John Bapst Players Take the Stage

The Drama Program announces the return of its Mystery Dinner Theater with the comedy "Dead 2 Rights." Patrons will be treated to a four-course dinner in the school's historic Auditorium while they attempt to unravel the mystery of this classic whodunnit.

The plot unfolds as Archtypal Corporation holds its annual meeting and the CEO announces profits are up. An outraged shareholder has evidence the company is downsizing and cooking the books. Before the proof can be shared, the meeting is interrupted by a book club that has also reserved the room. Somebody has got to go, and murder, chaos, clues, and comedy ensue. Audience members will be invited to guess the identity of the murderer and have a chance to win a free pie.

There will be two performances of "Dead 2 Rights" on the evenings of November 9 and 10. Tickets are on sale in the Fine Arts Office, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for students.

## Merit Commended Scholars Named

Seniors Elizabeth Kevit, Frederick Eyerer, and Owen Firestone have been named Commended Scholars in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program. The three students are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise as demonstrated by their outstanding performances on the qualifying test used for program entry.



Owen Firestone '08, Beth Kevit '08, and Fritz Eyerer '08

Beth is the daughter of Kathryn Kevit of Eddington and Kevin Kevit of Bangor. She has earned numerous academic awards, the Seven Sisters' Book Award, and the Wells College Century Leadership Award. She is a member of the school's Civil Rights Team, Key Club, and Math Team - White. Beth is also co-editor of the school's yearbook, the *Crusader*, and is a member of the John Bapst Players. She has also participated on the school's Indoor Track and Softball teams.

Fritz is the son of George and Mary Eyerer of Newburgh. He has earned numerous academic awards, has received the Saint Anselm Book Award, and is also an AP Scholar. He is a member of the school's Math Team - Purple in which he was named "Top Scorer" in both his freshman and sophomore years. Fritz is also a member of the school's state championship Chess Team and participates in Chamber Ensemble and the Ski Team, earning letters in both.

Owen is the son of Albert Firestone and Francine Cantor of Bangor. He has earned numerous academic honors, including the Phi Beta Kappa Award, and is also an AP Scholar with Honors. He is a member of the school's Honors Band, Spring Musical Pit Band, and Chamber Ensemble. He has participated in three All State Music Festivals, two on flute and one on cello. Owen also lettered in Ice Hockey.

The three students placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.4 million students who entered the 2008 competition by taking the 2006 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

## Crusaders Reach Playoffs in Soccer and Football

### *Cross-Country Girls Finish Strong*

As John Bapst seniors bring their high school fall athletic careers to a close, the 2007 season's end is proving more sweet than bitter.

At the state cross-country meet on October 27, the Bapst girls' team placed 7th overall out of 36 teams. Running through rain, wind and mud, the team was led by Kim Spencer, Maggie Bryan, and Maren Askins, with Kim placing 11th in the state. Tara Nitardy, Stesha Rudnicki, Jennie Wainer, and Kate Fogler all had outstanding races for the varsity team.

The girls' soccer team concluded a great season on October 29 in the Eastern Maine final match. Undefeated up to that point, the Crusaders met their match only after qualifying to play three-time champion Winslow. The girls' final record was 13-1-3. Captains this year were Catherine Lammert, Whitney Sinclair, Maggie Kane, and Abby Perkins. Top scorers for the season were Whitney Sinclair and Morgan Chasse, with an impressive 25 goals and 7 assists each. Keeper Sam Maquillan recorded 9 shutouts.

At 8-1 going into the first round of the Class C playoffs, the John Bapst football team has been making headlines all season. Led by quadruple-threat quarterback/kicker/punter/safety Kyle Gallant, #1 in the conference in passing yards and touchdowns, and Nick Smith, who has rushed for more than 1000 yards and led the regular season conference scoring with over a hundred points, the team turned a nail-biting one-point loss to Foxcroft and a close win against Mattanawcook into a springboard for seven decisive victories in a row.

Far from being a two-man show, the team has been notable for balance on offense and defense. Coach Dan O'Connell commented, "If they key on Nick, we spread the field, lining up four and five receivers. Aaron Healey has commanded double-teams all year, and that's created opportunities. And what really makes it all go is outstanding play up front, anchored by Charlie Merritt, Taylor Dube, Micah Raymond, Colin Gagnon, Steve Kelly, and Tyler Chamberlain."



John Bapst Football Players Tackle an Opponent

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*Spent 4 days collecting and sorting papers and pamphlets scattered by a fire, mended 5 pair of drawers and 70 pair of stockings, cooked 362 breakfasts and 360 dinners, swept and dusted sitting room and kitchen 350 times, filled lamps 362 times, swept and dusted chamber and stairs 40 times, preserved half a peck of barberries.*

*Made 5 visits to aged women, tended an invalid friend 2 days, made 1 day's visit to Medford and 3 visits to Boston, 2 of them for 1 day, the other for 2 days.*

*Made 7 calls upon neighbors.*

*Cut and dried half a peck of apples.*

The next time I'm tempted to bemoan how busy I am, I'll think of Lydia Maria Child. I'll also have to remind myself that Child wasn't complaining—just living a full, fulfilling life.

## Lesser Chosen for Honors Orchestra

Nathan Lesser '09, the son of Mary Ellin Logue and Mark



Nate Lesser '09

Lesser of Orono, has been selected to perform with the National High School Honors Orchestra in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in February 2008. Nate, the only musician from Maine selected for this honor, will join 120 other musicians from around the country to play under the baton of Jung-Ho Pak, conductor and artistic director of the San Diego Chamber Orchestra. The National High School Honors Orchestra is sponsored by the

American Strings Teachers Association.

Nate is an accomplished musician who participates in the John Bapst chamber ensemble, band, chorale, and concert choir. John Bapst Band Director Julianne Ewing extended her congratulations to Nate on his recent achievement saying, "Nate's musical talents and dedication have grown steadily over the past year, and his selection to the national festival is well deserved. Immersed in a musical event of that magnitude and under the leadership of one of America's great directors, Nate will undoubtedly flourish. Considering the challenging music the Honors Orchestra will perform, I expect that Nate will bring home with him an inspired, fresh insight to the nuances of his violin, and I look forward to having him share that experience with us here at Bapst."

## John Bapst Swedish Exchange Continues with October Visit

by Mark Tasker

*Svenskarna kommer!*

From October 9-25, the John Bapst community increased by six as the 2007 Swedish exchange visit took place. Teachers Pontus Clarin and Andreas Lindgren led students Sussane Lundberg, Sanna Karebrand, Pernilla Asplund, and Azadeh Resvani (see accompanying photo on age 4) on the long journey from Dragonskolan in Umea, Sweden, to Bangor. The Swedish visitors arrived in the midst of parent conference week and so devoted the first three days of their stay to visiting and volunteering with local community service organizations in Bangor. Students in the International Studies program at Dragonskolan must do an immersion experience in an English-speaking environment, and the yearly Bangor trip has become an important way of bringing this immersion about.

The students were hosted by John Diamond '08 and Connor Scofield '08 and spent their free time at Bapst sporting events and doing the usual teenage activities, many of which revolved around food and laughter. The teachers were hosted by the Lammert family, who for the second year extended their hospitality to exchange visitors from Sweden. A highlight for Mr. Clarin and Mr. Lindgren was climbing Mt. Katahdin in 60-mph winds with parent Steve Lammert and Bapst's Swedish Exchange Coordinator Mark Tasker on October 21.

From October 21-25, the visitors joined classes at John Bapst. Mr. Lindgren taught an impressive variety of classes in the math department, while Mr. Clarin joined the social science classes of Mr. Gorman and Mr. Tasker. The Swedish students shadowed Bapst students, with Ms. Karebrand teaming up with fellow Dragonskolan exchange student Felicia Lindmark on a history project. Felicia is part of the "direct exchange" program that Bapst has with Dragonskolan, a project in which a Bapst student and a Dragonskolan student switch families, friends, and schools for the first term of the year. This year Phoebe Peckenham '09 has been staying with Felicia's family and attending Dragonskolan, while Felicia has been in Maine. The students will switch places at the start of November.

October 24 brought the traditional *fika* reception, and the next day the school's Swedish visitors piled into their rented van and headed for New York City for a short visit before departing from Boston for Umea and home. The visit marked the fifth consecutive year that John Bapst has had exchange visitors from Dragonskolan, and in that time social science teacher Mark Tasker has led three trips of John Bapst students to Sweden. Plans are in the works for more such experiential learning opportunities in the future, with both sides setting their sights on August 2008 and the mountains along the Norwegian border.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 7 - Fall Open Forum  
Nov. 9 & 10 - John Bapst Players Present  
"Dead 2 Rights"  
Nov. 12 - Veterans' Day - No School  
Nov. 17 - Swing Dance  
Nov. 21-23 - Thanksgiving - No School  
Nov. 28 - "Crash-Proof Your Kids"  
Nov. 29 - Concert Choir Tour  
Dec. 1 - Fine Arts Boosters' Craft Fair  
Dec. 9 - Holiday Concerts  
Dec. 10 - Teacher In-Service Day - No School  
Dec. 24-Jan. 4 - Holiday Break - No School

### JBMHS Parents' Association Presents

## "Crash-Proof Your Kids"

November 28 at 7 p.m.  
John Bapst Auditorium

John Bapst parents and the general public are invited to hear  
Timothy C. Smith,  
award-winning author and speaker,  
discussing how to help make teens  
safer, smarter drivers.

## John Bapst Swedish Exchange 2007

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Pictured above: Front: Pontus Clarin and Andreas Lindgren  
Back: John Diamond '08, Sussane Lundberg,  
Sanna Karebrand, Pernilla Asplund, Azadeh Resvani,  
Felicia Lindmark, and Connor Scofield '08

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