

## CONGRATULATIONS, DR. OCHTERSKI!

Congratulations to Barbara Eckert Ochterski Ph.D. '61  
Head of School and Recipient of the YWCA Leader Award for Management



The 30th Annual YWCA Leader Luncheon was held at the Buffalo Convention Center on Friday, June 13. SHA's own Head of School was among the 38 nominees in the running for one of the 10 leadership recognition awards. The YWCA established these awards to honor the dedicated women of Buffalo who make a difference in the community by exemplifying a commitment to excellence.

During Dr. Ochterski's five year tenure as Head of School at the Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart, the science labs and library media center have been modernized into state of the art facilities. She introduced the leadership program and TLC, an academic support center aimed at making students successful in their studies. Dr. Ochterski also created a focus group to explore new ideas for Campus Ministry; the result: SHA's Day of Sharing program and a shift from required service hours to more meaningful experience of giving with a mentoring component. Dr. Ochterski is a leader in every sense of the word and leaves no stone unturned to get the job done. So it should not be a surprise to anyone who knows Dr. Ochterski that she was named the Management category winner. The recognition is well-deserved and a special tribute to the culmination of an exemplary career in education. Dr. Ochterski will be retiring at the end of this school year.

### **WALKATHON 2008**

*AROUND THE WORLD* is the theme chosen for next year's Walkathon to be held Friday, October 10. The walk is one of the two major fundraisers at SHA. The proceeds go to various charities that sponsor programs for women and children, the individual class treasuries, and to continue the enhancement of our technology programs.

The three charities we will assist are: Make a Wish Foundation, Diamond Black Fan Anemia Foundation, and the Francis Center in Niagara Falls. Representatives of these organizations will speak at the opening assembly to inform students of their specific service and mission.

There were many designs submitted for the T-shirt this year. An e-mail has been sent to each SHA student providing a link to the website which shows the designs and allows each student to vote once before July 7.

Each student is asked to obtain \$125 in sponsorships for the walk. It may be a good idea to encourage your daughter(s) to begin obtaining pledges now or even saving some of her own spending money so she can easily reach her goal by October 10. A student summer sponsor form is provided on SHA's website -- on the front page -- for downloading.

Parents also play an important role in this event. Volunteers are needed to help at all street crossings during the walk, serving water at various stations, and preparing the lunch for when the students return to school.

## E.A.T. LUNCHEON AND GOLF OUTING

A few years ago, an old friend invited me to golf and lunch with some alumnae, friends and parents from Sacred Heart Academy. It didn't have much meaning to me then, although I enjoyed the gut wrenching laughter on the course and familiar feel of hanging out in the cafeteria. I wasn't (and I'm still not yet) a golfer but I've participated in this annual event every year since. Recently I joined the planning committee because I felt that the true meaning of this occasion was unfortunately lost in birdies and bogies.

It's not about golf. It's not about lunch either. It's about reaching out to an unknown family that will face an unfortunate and unforeseen circumstance next year that will threaten a young girl's hope to complete her high school education at Sacred Heart Academy because of sudden financial hardships. It's that simple, and we (with your assistance) can help.

The Emergency Assistance for Tuition (EAT) Luncheon will be held at Sacred Heart on Friday, July 18th from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.... Won't you join us? Your support of this event might very well change the course of one girl's future. Please give her the gift of the protected world at SHA for one more year. Let her nurture the friendships that we now appreciate. Support her desire for an outstanding education at one of Buffalo's premier private schools. You really CAN make a difference to someone who is walking in the shoes you walked in 10, 20, 30, (or more) years ago. Please mark the date and plan for a great time. We don't know who will be touched by our kindness, but we do know that she will forever be blessed by the Academy. Though she may never meet you, she'll remember a group of women who cared enough to "EAT together!"

(... A growing group of women will enjoy either 9 or 18 holes of golf at Grover Cleveland Golf Course. Singles or groups of four are welcome. Please register now by calling the Alumni Office at 834-2101 ext. 317.)

Mary Busch- Jezioro, Class of 1985

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I am interested in taking part in the EAT luncheon on Friday, July 18 at 1:00 p.m.  
\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$25 each. Please seat me with:

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\_\_\_\_ I would like to start the day with a round of golf at Grover Cleveland Golf Course  
(lunch is included for golfers)

\_\_\_\_ 9 holes at \$65.00 per person

\_\_\_\_ 18 holes at \$75.00 per person

Please place me in a foursome with \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_ I am unable to attend but am enclosing a contribution to the Emergency Tuition Fund of \$ \_\_\_\_\_