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Harrisburg Academy Homecoming Week to highlight service, celebration

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – The students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Harrisburg Academy are preparing to celebrate yet again – this time with packed weekend of homecoming events. The school, founded in 1784 by John Harris, Jr., is observing a special *Triple Anniversary* Homecoming this year with stewardship and celebration.

Friday, October 2, 2009

Community Service Day

All Harrisburg Academy students will participate in Community Service Day, a school-wide philanthropic effort. At 9 a.m., Upper School (US) and Middle School (MS) students will disperse to 24 locations throughout the greater Harrisburg area, including Channels food rescue, the Bethesda Mission, Country Meadows, and the GreenBelt. Their volunteer tasks will include cooking, packaging food, painting, cleaning, raking leaves, sorting donations, and more. Younger children in the Early Childhood (EC) and Lower Schools (LS) will be staying on-site at the Academy and complete items to be donated to local children's charity, Caitlin's Smiles, and to area nursing homes.

Rohrer Bus Service is serving as a transportation sponsor for the event, providing an in-kind reduced rate donation of busses and travel expenses.

US and MS students will return to school for the afternoon and will join the EC and LS students for lunch and an afternoon Fall Festival, run by US students. Children will be able to purchase snacks, paint pumpkins, stuff scarecrows, play games, and buy raffle tickets for a chance to throw a whipped-cream pie into the face of Kay Smith, John Martin, or David Buckthal, Academy teachers, or at Upper School student council president, Reuben Mitrani at the end-of-day pep rally.

All proceeds from the Fall Festival will be donated to Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness month (October).

Harrisburg Academy Triple Anniversary Golf Classic

While students are doing good in the community, Harrisburg Academy supporters will be doing good for the students – by golfing in the Harrisburg Academy Triple Anniversary Golf Classic to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. The tournament will be held on Friday, Oct. 2 at Noon at Blue Ridge Country Club in Harrisburg. Golfers will have the chance to reconnect with Academy friends while competing for great prizes – given for the Low Team Score, Closest to the Pin, Straightest Drive, and/or Longest Drive.

Saturday, October 3, 2009

Harrisburg Academy Triple Anniversary Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Harrisburg Academy homecoming activities will conclude on Saturday with the Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony at 5 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Harrisburg. This event

recognizes and honors the outstanding achievements of students, coaches, and friends of the Academy's athletics programs by inducting four new members each year. This year, the Academy is proud to induct Courtney J. Kaplan '99, Donald H. Brownlee '40, and Rangsey K. Van '99.

Harrisburg Academy challenges and inspires children in preschool through 12th grade to reach their full potential. An IB World School, Harrisburg Academy is the only school in the greater Harrisburg area to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. This school year, Harrisburg Academy is celebrating its *Triple Anniversary* – 225 years since founding, 200 years since chartering, and 50 years at its location at 10 Erford Road.

For more information about Harrisburg Academy, homecoming activities including volunteer locations, or the *Triple Anniversary* celebration, contact Jessica Warren at 717-763-7811 or via email at warren.j@harrisburgacademy.org.

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