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Link Community School

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Link offers a Pathway to Success in High School and Beyond

With an aim to place students in top high schools, Link's Assistant Principal Fiona Thomas and the High School Placement Team, Greg Silver and Molly St. James, are working hard to give students the information and tools they need to apply to and be admitted to some of the best high schools in the country through a comprehensive approach to high school placement. Among the many services Link provides its students are the following:

- High School Prep Class—Taught by Mr. Silver and Ms. St. James, this required class helps 8th grade students prepare for the COOP Catholic high school entrance exam and guides students through the process of developing their portfolios and interviewing with admissions personnel.
- Student portfolio—Under Mr. Silver and Ms. St. James' guidance, students become more actively involved in planning for their futures in very meaningful, fun and creative ways through the portfolio process. The portfolio includes sections focusing on the following topics: All about Me; Transcript; Commendations; Community Service/Leadership; Plan for the Future; and Best Works. Through a process of collection and guided reflection, students think more

purposefully and analytically about their futures; are motivated to develop a plan of action to help them achieve their goals for high school and beyond; and are encouraged to celebrate their achievements.

- High School Night—The Annual High School Night, held this year on September 25th and attended by over 25 private schools, is an opportunity for students and parents to meet with high school representatives, ask questions, collect information from schools and scholarship programs, and begin to narrow down choices for high school. This year, a variety of schools attended, including a range of single-sex and coeducational Catholic high schools and independent day and boarding schools. Representatives came from in and around Newark, as far north as Concord, New Hampshire, and as far west as Mercersburg, Pennsylvania. Four schools joined the event for the first time—Marvelwood School, in Connecticut, Mercersburg Academy, in Pennsylvania, St. Paul's School, in New Hampshire, and Mt. St. Mary Academy in Watchung, New Jersey. 7th graders and their parents also had the opportunity to be introduced to scholarship programs such as The Wight Foundation.
- Pathways to Success Newsletters—



8th Grader Jerome Brown speaks with a high school representative at High School Night.

This monthly newsletter is sent home to parents and students giving helpful hints about applying to and interviewing at high schools, information regarding financial aid/scholarships, and reminders of important dates such as high school open houses, application deadlines, and entrance exam dates.

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Linkers prepare for the academic year during the summer and hit the ground running in September.

After an exciting and productive summer, Linkers came back to school for the 1st trimester on September 2, 2003 ready to work hard and achieve their goals.

All incoming 7th graders and new 8th graders spent the month of July getting to know one another, becoming acclimated to Link's culture of academic success and enduring core values, and meeting select performance standards in math and language arts. Under the direction of Keisha Cleveland and Tanya Morgan, the summer semester, now in its fifth year, strengthens the Link community by ensuring that all its participants—faculty, staff and students—are prepared and eager to learn during the regular school year. The primary focus in 2003 was building a stronger school culture, grounded in Link's six core values—Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Caring,

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NJN Public Television Kicks-off Share a Story at Link Community School as Linkers Read to Preschoolers in National PBS Literacy Campaign.

On Monday, October 20, 2003, a New Jersey Network Public Television crew and reporter set up mics, videotape, and cameras at Link to capture an exciting kick-off ceremony and sharing of stories by Link students with preschoolers. 7th graders at Link are taking part in a national PBS literacy campaign entitled "Share a Story," by reading once a week to preschoolers at Community Hills Early Learning Center in Newark. On hand were NJN executives and trustees, Link trustees, and students. 8th grade students Victoria Araromi and Edwin Amankwaah represented the student body during the program. Special guest Bob Goodwin, President and CEO of Points of

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From the Desk of the Principal

Parent involvement in a child's education is a key determinate of student academic achievement. Not only does common sense support this assertion but many research studies confirm this reality.

Taking this to heart and always striving to improve our efforts, Link worked hard over the summer to strengthen our outreach to parents. Our goals are to actively engage more parents and to motivate their deeper involvement in the school. To achieve these ends, we have implemented several initiatives. First, we expanded our new parent workshop program. All new parents were required to attend three two-hour workshops during the summer and fall focused on introducing parents to Link's culture and expectations, exploring the parent-school partnership, and educating parents on how to best help their

children with homework and studying. In response to surveys, over 90% of the parents indicated that the workshops were very helpful. Secondly, we instituted a Parent Academy. Formally kicked-off in September, the Parent Academy is currently offering continuing education classes to parents, on Tuesday evenings, in the areas of African Dance and Computer Skills. We look forward to offering parents two or three choices of classes each trimester during the school year. Finally, we started monthly morning coffees where parents can come to school and meet each other and faculty members in a more informal setting.

I am looking forward to the positive impact these efforts will have both on our parent involvement and our student academic success! ■

Link launches newly designed website.

In accordance with Link's two year technology plan, Link has redesigned its website. The address remains the same at www.linkschool.org. Friends of Link should use it to spread the word about the school and see what's going on at Link. The navigation links give a comprehensive overview of the school, including mission, programs, student life, alumni, and development. Let us know what you think by sending us your comments to link@linkschool.org. ■



Faculty and Staff Update

We would like to introduce the new additions to the Link faculty and staff:

Keva Berutti joins Link as our new art teacher. Ms. Berutti has been teaching in the New Milford public school system since 1991 at the middle school and elementary school levels. During her tenure, she served on many school improvement committees including the multicultural, conflict resolution, and character education committees. Ms. Berutti has a B.A. in Fine Arts from Anna Marie College and a Post-Baccalaureate certification from Montclair State College. She also spent a summer at the Institute for American Universities in Aix-en-Provence, France.

Jodi Cenac joins Link as a science teacher. Ms. Cenac comes to Link from the Blessed Sacrament School in Paterson, NJ. She taught science, reading and spelling for the last two years to grades 5-8, and organized the school's science fairs for the past two years. She also helped direct the school's Christmas program last year! Ms. Cenac completed her M.A.E in Education from Seton Hall University in May and also earned her undergraduate degree from Seton Hall in psychology.

Sergio Frisoli joins Link as an associate in the development office and serves as a community advisor. Mr. Frisoli graduated from Princeton University in May with a B.A. from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. While at Princeton, he sang in the University Concert Choir, served as a peer advisor and Director of Community Service for his residential college. He also was the project coordinator for the Esperanza Tutoring program in Trenton, NJ.

Molly St. James joins Link as a Jesuit Volunteer and will be tutoring in math and assisting with High School Placement. Ms. St. James graduated from Saint Leo University with a Bachelor of Social Work in May. During her time at St. Leo's, she earned many honors including the Florida Merit Scholarship, University Ministry Scholarship, Dean's List, and Sophomore of the Year! She served as a resident Student Chaplain in the University's ministry department and recently completed an internship at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay and Hillsborough County School District. She also served as Junior Class President.

Mary Huff joins Link as a music teacher. Ms. Huff taught choral music, general music, piano and voice at Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania for two years. Ms. Huff graduated from Furman University with a Bachelor of Music and Yale University with a Master of Music. She is currently pursuing a Master of Music Education at Westminster Choir College. Ms. Huff has also taught American History and directed an after school community choir for children aged 8-12. ■

Link Teachers Expand Their Horizons through New Link Fellowship

Near the end of January 2002, trustee Lynn Mertz called Link Principal Bill Kurtz to talk about a program she had recently read about and how Link could offer similar opportunities to its faculty. What she had in mind was enabling faculty to pursue interests during the summer that would enrich them personally and professionally. Upon learning about the proposed Summer Faculty Fellowship, the Education Committee of the Board of Trustees, chaired by Adam Rohdie, Assistant Headmaster of Pingry's Upper School, developed an application process and two Link trustees came forward with a gift of \$2,500 each to launch this program for the summer of 2003. After careful review of applications,

Fellowship was awarded to two Link teachers, Rose Mary Dumenigo and Sue Becker.

Ms. Dumenigo, Link's Spanish teacher and Director of Admissions, took a historic and very emotional trip to Cuba, the birthplace of her parents, where she studied Afro-Cuban music in Havana through an intensive 14 day dance instruction program. By introducing an interdisciplinary unit with the Link music teacher, Ms. Dumenigo hopes to highlight one of the many ways in which African culture has influenced the world, particularly Latin America, and to use new and innovative techniques in the teaching of a foreign language. Ms.

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WISH LIST



Our students, faculty and staff would love to acquire the following items in the coming months. If you wish to donate, please call the Development Office at (973) 642-5343.

- Music CDs (classical, jazz, blues, folk, pop, country, any kind!)
- Musical Instruments (keyboards, drums, percussion, etc)
- Salsa Music CDs
- 16 copies of The Land by Mildred D. Taylor & unabridged audio tape
- Baseball Equipment (bats, gloves, balls, etc)
- Large Laminating Machine
- Time clock
- Carpenter/contractor services
- Portable drying rack for drying artwork

Thanks to the Verona Service League for the donation of a DVD player, a digital camera and memory card, two camera cases, and assorted sports equipment. **Thanks to Durkin & Durkin, Esqs.** for the donation of a digital camcorder. **Thanks to Stephanie McKinney** for the donation of two 8mm camcorder cassettes. **Thanks also to James & Eileen McManus** for the donation of Hi8mm video tapes.

CORE VALUES

Respect
Responsibility
Honesty
Caring
Doing One's Best
Following Directions

These core values are practiced by our community of students, faculty, and staff.

Scholar-Athlete-Scholar-Athlete- CORNER

Link Girl's Volleyball Team Off to a Great Start

Link's girl's volleyball team knows what it takes to win. After finishing last season with a 10-2 record, the team has picked up where it left off, starting the 2003 season with a 2-0 record. Link Gym Teacher and Volleyball coach Deon Freeman and



The Link volleyball team practices in the gym.

Team Co-Captains Shanika Audige and Crystal Brown lead a talented group of 19 girls. The girls know the importance of practice and dedication in building a successful team – they practice every Thursday and Friday from 4 to 6 pm, and they watch a tape of their previous game on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4 pm. The team competes in the CYO League of Hudson County. Games are Friday and Saturday afternoons either in the Kearny Boys Town Gymnasium or at Hoboken Catholic Academy. The season runs from early October to the end of November and concludes with Playoffs and an All Star Game. For schedules and other information, visit the League website at www.eteamz.com/cyovolleyball ■

Link offers a Pathway to Success in High School (cont'd)

- SSAT Preparation Course—New this year, Link is offering an SSAT Preparation Course to students applying to independent schools. Aimed at giving students a competitive edge, students work on both language arts and mathematics in preparation for this rigorous entrance examination used by most independent high schools.
- Individual High School Counseling—Ms. Thomas provides very meaningful personalized attention to what is often a challenging application process for both student and parent. Each parent is asked to attend a conference with Ms. Thomas which focuses on the individual student and lays out a framework for the application process as it relates to that student.
- Prestigious Scholarship Programs—Students are given the opportunity to meet with and apply to outstanding scholarship programs, such as NJ SEEDS, which provides academic enrichment and scholarships to independent day and boarding schools in New Jersey, and The Wight Foundation, which provides comprehensive support and scholarship grants to attend boarding schools in the New England and Mid-Atlantic regions. Armed with these resources and individualized attention, which build on a solid foundation of academic excellence and enduring core values, 100% of Link students have been accepted to at least one top private high school for the past four years. In 2003, 94% received at least two admissions to private schools, giving them a real choice of where to pursue an excellent high school education. Furthermore, for the past four years, students have received a total of \$4 million in scholarship grants and financial aid. ■

Link Teachers Expand Their Horizons (cont'd)

Dumenigo was able to immerse herself in Latin culture by traveling and spending time with her family. She has surely grown deeply and enriched her students' lives by integrating her experiences with the Spanish curriculum. Ms. Dumenigo notes that she is grateful to Link trustees who "make Link a place where both children and their teachers can achieve their dreams."

Ms. Becker, Link's Computer teacher, participated in a one-week workshop in Maine comprised of intensive hands-on "labs" focused on utilizing robotics in classroom situations and introducing creative educational

uses for cutting-edge technology. She has incorporated robotics in lessons that allow students to program and build robots and to engage in truly interactive learning. She says "my dream has been not only to provide [Link students] with the basics that they need in high school but to infuse our technology program with the latest and most exciting curriculum available at any school." With the knowledge and experience gained through the 5 all-day workshops, Ms. Becker is offering robotics as an elective so that Link students can go beyond computer basics.

Both experiences promise to equally enrich Ms. Dumenigo, Ms. Becker and the entire Link community. Link is grateful to the Board of Trustees for supporting our faculty in their efforts to grow and develop as teachers through their generosity and vision ■



Ms. Dumenigo learns to dance Rueda de Casino, a local type of salsa, in Havana, Cuba.



Greg Silver and Molly St. James, members of Link's High School Placement Team.

NJN Public Television Kicks-off Share a Story (cont'd)

Light Foundation, came from Washington DC to celebrate the Share a Story campaign and share the importance of service and helping others with the Link community.

At the suggestion of long-time Link supporters and NJ philanthropists Judy and Bill Turner, NJN Public Television asked Link Community School to partner on this all important literacy campaign. Link Community School then approached New Community Corporation's Community Hills Early Learning Center, located just across the street from the school, to develop a program in which Link students would read to young preschoolers. Community Hills Director and teachers have welcomed Link students and developed hands on activities that engage both Linkers and preschoolers



Link seventh graders read to preschoolers at Community Hills Early Learning Center in Newark as part of the Share a Story campaign.

after the sharing of stories. This dynamic partnership is based on a common desire to educate Newark's youth and develop a love for reading in young children.

Now in their second month, Link students have demonstrated a love for reading and an enthusiasm for nurturing their young neighbors. In fact, whereas the readers in the statewide campaign have all been adults, Linkers are the first young people to read to preschoolers through Share a Story. Over the course of the academic year each 7th grader will participate in the program for approximately 8 weeks and read to small groups of 3 to 4 preschoolers once a week. Under the direction of Director of Student Life Tanya Morgan, students complete this community service project during the electives period each week.

The PBS Share a Story Campaign is an unprecedented, multimedia public service campaign to promote literacy. The New Jersey Network (NJN) is sponsoring the local campaign in Newark to inspire individuals to help thousands of children develop language and literacy skills through daily activities such as reading books, storytelling, rhyming and singing. Look for local and national spots showing footage from the day's event on PBS and NJN Public Television stations in the near future. ■

Linkers prepare for the academic year (cont'd)

Following Directions, and Doing One's Best.

This year, students were divided into 4 colleges—Rutgers, Howard, Columbia, and Yale—and took part in academic classes, enrichment activities, and field trips. An opportunity to launch new programs, the summer semester introduced a redesigned and expanded discipline program which focuses on recognizing and promoting positive behavior and establishing a more open dialogue between teachers and parents. This approach proved very successful and has been implemented for the academic year. In an effort to help the students take ownership of the core values and

make them more real, the summer semester also introduced the Core Values Reading Circle. Students were divided into small gender-based groups to read a novel that presented challenging issues. Groups then engaged in discussions surrounding various issues presented in the books while making natural connections to the core values and applying the core values to the topics presented. ■



Seventh graders (l to r) take part in a Core Values Reading Circle: Lawrence Brown, Talib Bowser, Akinwunmi Shoyoye, Richard Lopez, teacher Keisha Cleveland, and Antar Ward.

• ALUMNI NEWS •

Save the date! Link Community School Alumni Association will hold its 2nd Annual Fundraiser—New Jersey Nets v. Boston Celtics at Continental Airlines Arena – on January 25, 2004, at 1:00 pm. A limit of 50 tickets will be sold for \$40 each and proceeds will benefit the Alumni Association's work in furtherance of Link's mission. Come join us for a fun filled evening! For more information contact Sergio Frisoli at 973-642-5343 or sergio.frisoli@linkschool.org.

We are working hard to locate alumni from the 1970s. If you or someone you know graduated from Link during the 1970s, please contact Sergio Frisoli at 973-642-5343 or sergio.frisoli@linkschool.org with your current contact information. You can also visit Link's newly designed website at www.linkschool.org, go to Alumni, and complete the Alumni Update Form. We hope to plan a reunion and would like to keep all alumni updated on happenings at Link.

• SPOTLIGHT ON TRUSTEES •

We welcome four new board members this year: Wendy Lacey, Montclair volunteer; Devero McDougal, CPA and Link alumnae, class of 1983; Janice Robinson, Esq. Special Counsel to the President of Teacher's College, Columbia University; Michael Virzi, Director of Facilities, The Pingry School. We are delighted to have these new members and look forward to a very productive year.

We also bid farewell to valued trustees Sr. Bertrand Austin, O.P., Arlene Lieberman, Patricia McTerrell, and Sr. Uchenna Okereke, O.P. Thank you for your hard work over the years. Hope you stay involved and continue to visit Link!

In August, Link was featured in Time magazine for the second time this year, in recognition of trustee Ed Reitz' involvement at Link and his excellent service as a Toyota dealer.

On September 15th, Link trustees had an opportunity to come together and spend some time collectively thinking about Link—priorities, ways to increase board leadership and effectiveness, and long-term goals. This off-site half-day retreat, followed by a dinner, was led by nationally recognized strategic planning consultant Susan Stone.

The First Trustee Day was held on October 8th at Link giving Trustees an opportunity to bring guests, attend morning meeting and visit some classes. The morning ended with a question and answer session in the gym with Link Principal Bill Kurtz.



Board of Trustees member Ed Reitz shares information on Link with guests Jim McManus and Bob Siebold.

Student Life

8th graders travel far and wide during the summer

During the summer between their 7th and 8th grade, Linkers are afforded the opportunity to travel to new places. For the fourth year, nine students



8th graders Shanika Audige, Serenity Mitchell, and Quadeer Porter enjoy a snorkelling trip in the Bahamas

traveled to Eleuthera, in the Bahamas, to participate in the Island School. The students were intensively involved in a marine biology program and explored various facets of marine life, such as coral reefs 40 feet under water, and grappled with issues that impact the environment. The trip also served as a cultural exchange program for Link students who had never experienced a different way of living as they met and exchanged ideas with their peers from the Bahamas.

Link has developed strong relationships with other organizations that provide students wonderful summer opportunities for growth. Seven students participated in the Camp Border Collie for Kids in Binghamton, New York where students spent 12 days living in an outdoor environment in a simulated Native American village housed in actual tepees and cabins with their day spent caring for border collies, enjoying nature, and having fun.

Two students traveled to South Dakota and witnessed firsthand the Sun Dance ceremonies of the Dakota, which take place during three four-day periods lasting 12 days. The students lived amongst the Native Americans of South Dakota for the duration of their stay, witnessing first hand a different way of life and helping prepare for the Sun Dance Ceremony.

Two students attended Camp Agawam, in Raymond, Maine, for seven weeks, where they discovered much about themselves and what it takes to become good community citizens through structured activities in a relaxed atmosphere that included waterfront sports, land sports, creative arts, outdoor living skills and overnight trips.

Link continues to seek other such experiences that provide students opportunities for enrichment and enable them to expand their horizons. These programs are offered by non-profit organizations at little or no cost to Link students.

Linkers Show their School Spirit

During the week of October 13th, students, faculty, and staff celebrated the Link community and showed their school spirit by participating in a number of friendly competitions, attending a Movie Night, and supporting the Link Volleyball team in their game against Hoboken Catholic Academy. The week, which was organized by Director of Student Life Tanya Morgan, began with Crazy Hat Day. Students wore the craziest hats they could find or create to school, and judges voted on which was the craziest—with the prize



Seventh graders Sigheeda Johnson and Jennifer Wilson show off their crazy hats

going to Rashida Ayala. Students had the chance to strut their stuff in a fun dance contest. There was a catch, though – students didn't know what kind of music would be played! An expert dance panel consisting of History teacher Greg Silver, Math teacher Lorraine McDonald, Spanish teacher Rosemary Dumenigo, and Music teacher Mary Huff judged the dancers. Final contestant was Tia Stafford. The Community Competition on Thursday involved a quiz game in which a student from each community had to identify pictures of famous people, items in History, Science, Sports, Current Events, etc. Thursday evening, students attended a screening of the movie Holes in Classroom K, with proceeds benefitting the Link Volleyball team. Link students wrapped up the fun-filled Spirit Week by supporting the Link Volleyball team on Saturday in their game against Hoboken. The team did not disappoint the student fans, defeating Hoboken by a score of three sets to one.

Link Eighth Graders Explore American History

On September 16th, History teacher Sarah Eustis took two of the eighth grade communities to visit the recently opened National Constitution Museum in Philadelphia. The Museum, which opened on July 4th of this year, provides a fun and interactive approach to learning about the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights. Students learned about the creation

of these two important documents and explored the impact they have had on American history and on life today. Students especially enjoyed the opportunity to put on robes worn by a Supreme Court Justice as well as the chance to take the Presidential oath of office. Coincidentally, NPR radio was also at the Museum that day recording a program on the meaning of freedom, and so several Link students were able to participate in a 'town hall' discussion on the topic. Ms. Eustis was able to use the visit to the museum in lessons back in the classroom.



Eighth grader Terrel Tarver takes the Presidential Oath of Office at the newly opened National Constitution Museum in Philadelphia.

Linkers Give Back to Their Community

New Link students wasted no time in "giving back" and living the core values. At the end of their Summer Semester, seventh graders participated in 'Community Service Day' in which they reflected upon the meaning of service and then put it into practice. In the morning, students volunteered at the Community Food Bank in Hillside where they helped collect and sort toiletries into packages for families. In the afternoon, the students returned to Link and shifted their attention to their more immediate community. Armed with gloves and plastic trash bags, students scoured the block surrounding Link picking up litter. Upon finishing their clean-up project, Link students proudly admired the results of their hard work while they enjoyed pizza and soda kindly provided by the Police Precinct located next to the school.

Community service opportunities for students are continuing during the regular school year. The seventh-graders are all participating in the Share-A-Story Campaign, a national literacy campaign (see story on page 1), while the eighth-grade communities will each create their own service project. Past projects include organizing a 'Games Day' for Senior Citizens and organizing a 'Sports Pep Rally' at a school for children with muscular dystrophy. In addition, the student government organizes a canned food drive in the fall, with the help of St. Helen's Parish in Westfield, in which students bring in canned foods and divide them into baskets for families. ■

Development Talk.....

Link's 2nd Annual Golf Outing is a Huge Success!



Building on Link's Inaugural Golf Outing in 2002, 140 golfers helped raise over \$100,000 to support an outstanding middle school education for Newark youngsters from economically disadvantaged families at Link's 2nd Annual Golf Outing on July 28, 2003. Raising 144% more than the previous year, the outing was once again held at the renowned Metedeconk National Golf Course, in Jackson, New Jersey. Golfers enjoyed the beautiful grounds and challenging course at Metedeconk National Golf Course; and after a great afternoon of golf, all gathered for a lively auction, awards and reception. There was much enthusiasm about this year's event, which was sold out!

Major support came from corporate sponsors: Barclays Capital, Merrill Lynch, Vanguard Dealer Services, and RCI Conference Call Services. It

is through such partnerships and individual support that Link has created and sustained a tradition of excellence in serving Newark youngsters. A special thanks goes to Chairs Anthony Coscio, Chris Garavente, Jim Gervasi, and Richard Mullarkey and Committee Members Mollie Marcoux, John Roberts, Mike Seergy, Ed Sheridan and Arthur Stern.

Funds raised helped Link sustain its mission of providing Newark students of all academic abilities a powerful and highly effective learning community focused on a rigorous college preparatory academic program and enduring core values.

For information about the Golf Outing or other ways in which to support or get involved, please contact Link's Director of Development Maria Pilar Paradiso at 973-642-5343 or maria.paradiso@linkschool.org. ■

Link Receives Major Awards/Grants from Foundations and Corporations

Link would like to extend a special thank you to the following foundations and corporations who have generously given to Link since June 2003.

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- Marino Education Emergency Needs*
- Eig Family Foundation*
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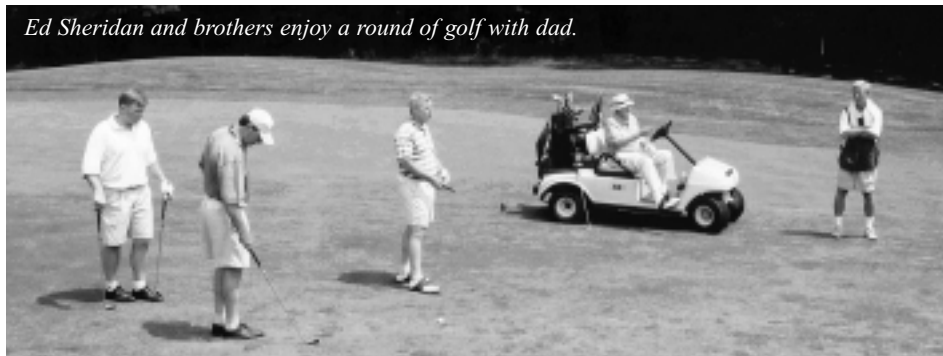
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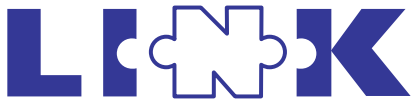
Sponsor a Student

Because our students come from some of the most economically disadvantaged neighborhoods in Newark, 100 percent of Link students depend on outside support to make their education possible. An individual, a group, company, church or organization can sponsor the Link education of an individual student by underwriting the full or partial cost of the student's education.

Sponsorship may be for one or two years, and can be made through an annual gift or a flexible installment payment option. The projected cost for 2003-2004 is \$12,900. The minimum partial sponsorship is \$1,000. Consider sponsoring a student today! Please contact the Development Office at 973-642-5343 for more details.

Ed Sheridan and brothers enjoy a round of golf with dad.





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Mission Statement:

Link Community School seeks to provide an outstanding independent middle school education for Newark adolescents of all academic abilities from economically disadvantaged families. Link endeavors to create a powerful learning community built on a collective commitment to excellence and enduring core values. By building a strong academic foundation and instilling life long values, Link aims to develop students who will be successful in higher education and responsible and resourceful citizens who give back to others.



Link Community School was founded in 1969 by Sisters of St. Dominic Caldwell, NJ
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