

# LINK TO YOU

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## Welcoming a New School Year and New Linkers

Unlike most schools, Link Community School began its academic year on June 30<sup>th</sup>, just days after public schools in Newark closed for summer recess. Unlike most 11 and 12 year olds, the new 7<sup>th</sup> graders, dressed in their school uniforms, spent four weeks getting to know one another and their teachers, discovering a new school culture and the core values, exploring the outdoors, and getting ahead a little in math and language arts. Unlike most teachers and administrators, many Link faculty and staff worked through much of the summer, teaching in the mandatory summer semester, guiding developments in curriculum and technology integration, working to raise funds to sustain the growth and development of Link, and planning and creating a unique Link team. But, Link and its members are a little unusual—committed to providing a powerful and highly effective learning community. After completing a comprehensive summer semester, the Class of 2007 hit the ground running just a few weeks ago;



History teacher Mr. Frisoli welcomes students on 1<sup>st</sup> day of school; the Class of 2007 arrives at Link; parents and faculty start the year together at the annual Pot Luck Dinner.

and the Class of 2006, after finishing successfully their 7<sup>th</sup> grade year and spending the summer engaged in various activities, have become upperclassmen. The year got off to a great start with activities that reacquainted students with the Link community and Core Values, the annual Pot Luck Dinner, and the start of Fall classes.

This year, students will find a new academic calendar built around four quarters and the introduction of some new classes. The core curriculum of mathematics, science, history and language arts, combined with the Link staples (Advisory, Drop Everything and Read, and a host of electives) remain a principal focus. Building on the new breakfast program and healthier lunch program introduced last year, Link now offers to all students a Health class which aims to help students develop a healthy mind and healthy body. In an effort to help new students manage their time effectively, all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students now attend study hall twice per week. Eighth grade students will continue to take the High School Placement class, now expanded to twice per week for the first two quarters and will take Spanish twice per week the second half of the year. Finally, all students will explore Art, Music, Drama and Computers more intensely on a quarterly basis four times per week. This rotation of the arts and technology allows students to focus on each discipline for approximately eight weeks. ■



## Boys Commit to Playsmart Principles

This summer, Link's Playsmart Boys' Summer Academy was expanded to a four-week program. The Academy, launched in 2004 with funding from and in partnership with Playsmart, Athletes in Action, and Chelsea Piers Sports and Entertainment Complex, benefits boys from families with limited financial means from Newark and surrounding urban communities between their 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade years and aims to help them reach their academic and personal potential. By using athletics and the values learned therein, this program fosters academic readiness, skills, motivation, and leadership.

The 2005 Academy began July 5<sup>th</sup> and continued through July 29<sup>th</sup>, from 8 am until 12:30 pm (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays), and from 8 am until 2 pm (Wednesdays). Participants started each day with a Winner's Circle,

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## Linkers Return from 2005 Expedition to The Island School

Each year, Link Community School selects ten students to attend a one-week expedition to The Island School in Cape Eleuthera, The Bahamas during the summer session. This year's group of students, chaperoned by History Teacher Sergio Frisoli and Director of Institutional Advancement Maria Pilar Paradiso, engaged in expeditionary learning, including snorkeling, SCUBA and sea kayaking. These activities presented many fun and often challenging experiences that gave students a new awareness of their overall potential, their capacity for leadership, and their interrelationship with one another and their environment. Students also learned a great deal about their host country while attending lectures

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# From the Desk of the Principal



The recent devastation on the Gulf Coast has touched all of our hearts. The ongoing media coverage has allowed us to see the effects of hurricane Katrina, but we have also seen the unlimited kindness of people from all over the world coming to the aid of the many people who were displaced and struggle to regain some semblance of the life that washed away. During the opening weeks of school, I was so proud of our School community; many students inquired about how the School would offer assistance to those in need.

Richard Sabree, an eighth grader, met with me to discuss his written proposal for the School community to convert cans to cash. He had a plan to request that we all bring in cans to trade in and send the proceeds to the Red Cross. I was impressed with Richard's preparation and passion, but more importantly, Richard's efforts inspired several other students. The day after Richard announced his campaign, three other students approached me with ideas to

assist the survivors; his kindness had a clear impact on them.

Richard's single act multiplied because his peers were inspired and wanted to affect the lives of others. The students were as excited about joining for a common cause as they were about the cause itself. They brought in bags of cans and saved their juice cans during lunch time; some even shared that they asked neighbors for cans.

As the cans came in daily, students became more excited. In most efforts like this, the prevailing question is usually, "How much did we raise?" Not one person has asked me that question. Some may find the absence of this question a bit disheartening, but I am very proud of our community. The question that students asked was, "Did everyone bring in a can?" While I'm sure the students care about that, their primary concern was not "How much money?" but "How many people?" I am very proud that our students understand the importance of being in a community. They understand the importance of everyone contributing to the advancement of our mission. They understand the importance of our School's name; we are Link Community School--united in giving back to others.

## The Music Lab Receives Major Refurbishing

With the help of E.J. Grassman Trust, Hyde and Watson Foundation, The Charles E. and Joy C. Pettinos Foundation and Union Foundation, Link's Music Lab received a major renovation and expansion this summer. Installed in 1999, the Music Lab is home to Link's music program which provides all students with piano instruction, an exploration of music theory and history, and chorale. While the program has been outstanding and the faculty exceptional, the lab, housed in the basement of the school, suffered from poor lighting, cramped quarters and very poor ventilation. Committed to addressing these physical issues, Link approached long-term supporters who have generously funded major capital projects in the past and upon receiving support undertook this important renovation. The summer-long work yielded great results as students are now working

in a room with freshly painted floor and walls, new lighting, expanded space, and most importantly a ventilation system that brings a fresh exchange of air to the room. Link extends its most sincere gratitude to our partners on this project! ■



*The refurbished Music Lab*

## The Link Team Gets Ready to Serve

With Marnie McKoy at the lead, the Link Team—faculty, administrators and staff—is poised to guide 124 students through the many educational experiences that will take place through the 2005-2006 school year. The Team prepared for the year by taking part in opening meetings that explored technology integration, differentiated instruction, discipline, new initiatives and schedule changes. Much like our students do during the school year, the Link Team worked with Project U.S.E. to problem solve, get to know one another better, and build trust—all key ingredients to serving students well.



*Teachers work together to achieve a goal; The Link Team*

Among the members of the 2005-2006 Team are new teachers and staff:

**Joseph Bertelloni:** Following in a long line of Jesuit volunteers, Mr. Bertelloni is Link's 2005-2006 Jesuit Volunteer Corps member. He will teach History and serve as a community advisor. Mr. Bertelloni graduated from Boston College in 2005 with a B.A. in History and a concentration in American Studies.

**Cathy Cvetovich:** Ms. Cvetovich joined the Office of Institutional Advancement where her responsibilities are donor communications, including recording and acknowledging gifts and facilitating mailings to donors. Ms. Cvetovich was previously employed as a legal secretary for a patent attorney and most recently was the Coordinator of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Municipal Alliance Committee, a community based organization for the prevention of substance abuse.

**Angela Gonzalez:** Armed with much experience, Ms. Gonzalez joins Link as Director of Studies, after serving as the principal of Nueva Esperanza Academy Charter High School in Philadelphia since September of 2000 when its doors first opened to 200 ninth graders. When she left, five years later, the school had grown to almost six hundred students ranging from ninth to twelfth grade. Prior to Nueva Esperanza, Ms. Gonzalez taught Science and English for several years in the Jersey City Public School System at Academy II, an alternative middle school. She received both her Bachelor's in Music and Master's in Counseling Psychology degrees from New Jersey City University, and is currently completing her doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Pennsylvania.

**Errol LaGuerre:** The new eighth grade Science teacher, Mr. LaGuerre taught Physics and Mathematics in Jamaica for twelve years before migrating to the Bahamas and then to the United States where he taught Physics, Mathematics, and Computer Science at Newark's Chad Science Academy High School. Mr. LaGuerre holds a diploma in Electrical Engineering and a B.A. in Administration and Management from Sojourner-Douglas College and has a strong passion for music.

**Danielle Martin:** Link's new 8<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher graduated in May 2005 with a M.Ed. in Elementary Education from the University of Pennsylvania. Before graduate studies, Ms. Martin taught 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade English at a private boarding school outside of Philadelphia, 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade English in Chicago, and early childhood special education in Kansas City, MO. Danielle attended Oakwood College in Chicago where she graduated with a B.A. in English.

**Steve Orozco:** After interning at Link two summers ago, Link's 2005-2006 Princeton Project 55 Fellow will teach the new Health curriculum and will serve as Athletic Coordinator. Mr. Orozco graduated from Princeton University with a degree in Molecular Biology, where he also was very active in the Princeton Student Volunteers Council, coaching middle school soccer teams in Trenton, New Jersey.

**Darryl T. Powell '95:** Link's new Alumni & Parent Relations Associate comes full circle, as he graduated from Link in 1995. After Link, Mr. Powell attended Essex Catholic High School and St. Peter's College in Jersey City. After receiving his B.S. in Marketing Management with a minor in Finance, Mr. Powell taught middle school mathematics for two years in Jersey City. Reuniting with his alma mater, Darryl is reliving one of the many values Link has instilled in him, which is "Giving back to the community and others." ■

## 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 Office of Institutional Advancement at 973-642-5343 for details.

Fine Art Program:

- digital cameras
- portable cd/tape player to play instrumental music while the students are working
- books highlighting African American, Caribbean, West Indian, Native American, or Latino Artists.
- books with visuals from The Harlem Renaissance

Language Arts:

- Encarta encyclopedia software
- Cassette/cd players with headsets

General:

- Air Conditioning Units for classrooms and offices and associated electrical work to install
- Portable cd/tape player
- Gift cards for Costco, BJ's, Target, major grocery stores (for classroom and school supplies, monthly professional development days, teacher appreciation week)

A very special thank you to all who donated equipment and lent their support to help us start a Lacrosse Program at Link!

### Linkers return from 2005 Expedition (cont'd)

on Geography, Geology and Island Formation; Tides, Currents and Moon Phases; Tourism and Development; Status of Conch and Nassau Grouper; as well as exploring island communities and the local environment. Furthermore students lived in The Island School's sustainable environment, which includes wind and solar systems, waste water gardens, water catchment systems, biodiesel production, and soil production—truly a "green campus." In so doing, students gained a greater appreciation for the resources and conveniences available to them at home and an understanding for issues regarding sustainability.

Link shares The Island School's vision "to be a community that fosters the development of responsible, caring, global citizens" and believes that by exposing students to such a powerful experience as The Island School, we will complement Link's own mission and provide for our young people an experience that will nurture students' growth and development as citizens and future leaders of our planet.

Link Community School is especially grateful to the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities for funding the 2005 Expedition and making this experience possible for our students. ■

*Enjoying snorkeling. Getting the hang of kayaking*



## Going the Distance for Link

Andy Levine will run in his sixth New York City Marathon on November 6th, 2005. But this year he will run on behalf of the students of the Link Community School. His previous best time in a marathon is 4 hours and 19 minutes and he has set the following two goals this year:

- Finish the 26.2 mile marathon in under 4 hours, 14 minutes and 54 seconds. This would be a “personal best” for Andy. But it is also P.Diddy’s finishing time for 2003 New York City Marathon (where he raised \$2 million for the New York City Public School System).
- Sponsor Link students for the 2005-2006 school year (each sponsorship of \$14,600 covers all expenses associated with educating a child at Link).

A resident of Scotch Plains, New Jersey for the past 20 years, Mr. Levine is President of Development Counsellors International, a New York-based firm that specializes in economic development and tourism marketing. Those interested in learning more about Andy and his bid to raise funds for Link should contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 973-642-5343. ■

*Andy Levine will be running in the NYC Marathon on November 6<sup>th</sup> for Link.*



### Boys Commit to Playsmart Principles (cont'd)



*Students get ready to climb a wall.*

a daily morning meeting during which teachers shared inspirational messages, celebrated students and made announcements, and then attended math and language arts classes. Three days per week, they attended a Portfolio Session during which they reflected on their lives and their experiences at the

Academy. They also participated in a weekly Success Skills class where they explored the guiding principles of the program—excellent work habits, perseverance, emotional courage and a team-first attitude; a weekly visit from a guest speaker who inspired the students to achieve by sharing their own experiences; and a weekly Core Value Reading Circle where they met in a small group with a teacher to read a short piece as a jumping board for discussions about life issues. Finally, once per week they went on a field trip, including a visit to the Yogi Berra Museum for a tour and talk with a professional scout, Chelsea Piers for ice skating, Central Park for a field day, and Barringer High School for outdoor education with Project U.S.E.

Link Community School is especially grateful to those partners who made the 2005 Academy possible: Playsmart, Athletes in Action, Chelsea Piers Sports and Entertainment Complex, and the Junior League of Montclair-Newark. ■



*Corey Booker includes a student in his presentation.*

### Off to High School!

Every member of the Class of 2005 was accepted into at least one private high school. Over 90% of the class was accepted into at least two schools. Not only did the class have a choice of where they are to continue their high school education, but many of them have received significant financial assistance. The class earned almost \$1.3 million in scholarships and grants.

#### Independent High Schools

Delbarton School (1)  
Lawrenceville School (1)  
Mercersberg Academy (1)  
Milton Hershey School (1)  
Morristown-Beard School (1)  
Newark Academy (1)  
The Peddie School (2)  
Perkiomen School (1)  
The Pingry School (1)  
The Rabun Gap School (1)  
Seton Hall Prep (6)  
Westover School (1)  
Westtown School (1)

#### Catholic Schools

Benedictine Academy (11)  
Immaculate Conception (23)  
Lacordaire Academy (3)  
Marist High School (18)  
Marylawn of the Oranges (20)  
Mother Seton (2)  
Mount St. Dominic Academy (4)  
St. Benedict's Prep (14)  
St. Patrick's High School (2)  
St. Vincent's Academy (27)  
Union Catholic Regional High School (2)

#### Magnet Schools

Arts High School (3)  
Science High School (5)  
University High School (3)

### Kiyihara Anderson '05 reflects on her years at Link:

At Link I became a part of a great family.

I got new sisters and brothers  
Even a new mother

They were there for me  
They showed me who I could be

They helped me  
They encouraged me  
They praised me  
They were my second family

I love them all  
So to Kelli, Da'Cheray, Adrian, Zakiyyah, Latrice, Aminah, Carl, John, Tasheema,  
All Teachers and other friends....

THANK YOU!

## Link Family BBQ Brings out Linkers, Past and Present

On Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 2005, Link held its inaugural Link Family BBQ at Caldwell College in Caldwell, NJ. Alumni and their families, current families, current and former faculty, staff, and trustees gathered on a fun-filled, sunny Saturday afternoon. This "Link Family" was able to take the time to reunite and reflect on their experiences at and with Link. Judging by the great turnout and enthusiasm surrounding the event, Link hopes to make the Family BBQ a yearly event.

A special thanks goes to Rabah Qadir, Link Alumni Coordinator, and Devero McDougal, Alumni Association President for co-chairing the Family BBQ planning committee. Thank you also to Keisha Bryant, Venus Banks '96, Coretta Craig '83, and Tyrone Foster '05 for contributing to the planning process. See you at next year's BBQ!



## Class of 2001 – Where are they now?

Armed with a solid academic foundation and enduring core values, former Linkers continue to achieve. We are currently conducting our annual survey, and here's what we we have learned so far:

### Student

Keion Anderson  
Esther Y. Araromi  
Shante Bethea  
Gayleen Blemur  
Nicole Brown  
Sue Brown  
Sydnie Coleman  
Terri Cotton  
Sa'de Criss  
Wesley Curry  
Afi Daitey  
Sabrina Diegue  
Ijeoma Ekekwe  
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Sawee Howard  
Darrell Johnson  
Javonni Judd  
DeShaun Kennedy  
Latrena May  
Asia Mazara  
Joli McTerrell  
Zuirrae Mitchell  
Tiffany Peay  
Lyndsay Rogers  
Jasmine Salaam  
Tiffany Simpson  
Benjamin Walton  
Willissa Warren  
Cora Williams

### High School Attended

St. Benedict's prep  
Chapel Hill Chauncy Hall  
Pingry School  
Oak Knoll School  
St. Vincent's Academy  
St. Patrick's High School  
St. Patrick's High School  
East Orange High School  
Malcolm X Shabazz  
St. Benedict's Prep  
Morristown-Beard School  
Lacordaire Academy  
St. Vincent's Academy  
Oak Knoll School  
St. Patrick's High School  
Morristown-Beard School  
East Side High School  
Morristown-Beard School  
St. Benedict's Prep  
Benedictine Academy  
Weequahic High School  
St. Benedict's Prep  
Barringer High School  
St. Paul's High School  
Dothen High School  
St. Patrick's High School  
Morristown-Beard School  
Newark Academy  
Arts High School  
St. Vincent's Academy  
St. Vincent's Academy  
Morristown-Beard School  
St. Vincent's Academy  
St. Benedict's Prep  
Lacordaire Academy  
Newark Technical High School

### College Attending

Clark Atlanta University  
The College of New Jersey  
Lincoln University  
Boston University  
Delaware State University  
Union County Community College  
Virginia Union University  
Navy  
Essex County Community College  
Montclair State University  
Montclair State University  
Albright College  
Rutgers University  
Trinity College  
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Essex County College  
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St. Augustine College  
Essex County College  
Essex County College  
University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
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Columbia University  
Community College of Georgia  
Felician College  
Quinnipiac University  
Temple University  
Rutgers University  
Bloomfield College  
Lincoln University  
Temple University  
Essex County College  
Lincoln University  
Hawaii Pacific University  
Essex County College

We are so proud of our graduates and will continue to reach out to them to learn more about their successes after Link, but we need your help too. Please contact Mr. Powell, Link's Alumni and Parent Relations Associate at 973-642-5343 or [darryl.powell@linkschool.org](mailto:darryl.powell@linkschool.org) if you have any information on our alumni.

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE TRUSTEES

### Welcome New Members of the Link Community

We are delighted to welcome four new board members: Eugene Crocker, VP and Finance Information Manager, JP Morgan Chase, Jersey City, NJ; Andrew D. Lacey, Deputy Chairman, Lazard Asset Management, New York, NY; Fondrea Lewis, Representative, Link Parent Association; and Gerald Vernotica, Ed.D., Superintendent, Washington Township Board of Education, NJ.

## Linkers Develop New Products for the Marketplace



Gene Crocker uses his background in business, his passion for entrepreneurship, and his dedication to Link students to introduce youngsters to product development and small business. Mr. Crocker, a

Vice President and Finance Information Manager at JPMorgan Chase, in Jersey City, is a frequent visitor to Link, not only as the leader of the Entrepreneur Club, but as a weekly mentor to the Friday Boys Lunch Group. Mr. Crocker hopes to inspire tomorrow's business leaders by teaching Link students about entrepreneurship, how businesses are run and structured, the basic principles of writing business proposals, and how to raise money to start a business.

In its second year, the entrepreneur program in 2004-2005 was more extensive and structured. Fifteen eighth graders were selected into the program, and these students were organized into groups of three. The ultimate goal was for the students to work together in groups to develop a business proposal. Beginning in early March, students met after school every Friday for 1-2 hours. During this time groups worked together to develop a product, write a proposal and create a commercial to advertise their product.

## SAVE THE DATE



A Culinary Event to Benefit  
*Link Community School*  
Tuesday, November 1, 2005 at 5:30 pm  
New Jersey Performing Arts Center  
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*Honoring Ed Reitz*

Please consider supporting Link by sponsoring our event, purchasing an ad, and/or attending the event. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Ms. Ngozi Emenyeonu at 973-642-5343 or ngozi.emenyeonu@linkschool.org.

Yes, I am interested in sponsoring the event.

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**SPONSORSHIP LEVELS** (please check one):

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- \$ 250 Quarter Page, 4% X 5%
- \$ 100 Listing under A Taste of Newark 2005 Supporters
- \$ 25 Listing for parents, alumni and staff

\*subject to availability

Yes, I am interested in attending the event.

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D.L.A., Inc., consisting of 8<sup>th</sup> graders Lawrence Brown, Akin Shoyoye, and Da'Cheray Thomas, created a product called the "Life Celly," a cell phone that included a personal organizer, mp3 players, camera, etc. DLA's proposal, the contest winner, consisted of an executive summary, a description of the product, a marketing and advertising strategy, financing plan, and a profit and loss plan.

Other Link entrepreneurs developed

products such as "tacky wacky candy" and "the magician's armrest." In groups, these students were able to use each other's strengths; whether it was being innovative, being a good business writer, or being a good advertiser. All participants had a fun and educational experience. We look forward to seeing the program run again in the 05-06 school year and to hearing about the innovative business ideas of future Linkers! ■

## Development Talk...

### Link's Annual Golf Outing Provides Great Support

Golfers with a wary eye on storm clouds smiled as the all-clear sirens at Metedeconk National Golf Course heralded the start of a very successful 4<sup>th</sup> annual Link Golf Outing held on Monday, July 25, 2005. Over 133 golfers climbed into their golf carts and proceeded to tee up on this very challenging, but exciting and beautiful golf course.

During the day, attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch served on the clubhouse patio and at the conclusion, a reception where they had the opportunity to mix and mingle, comparing experiences and golf scores. At the reception, a variety of golf foursomes at prestigious New Jersey and New York golf courses were put up for auction. Precision Cars of Atlantic City provided a "hole-in-one car", but unfortunately it went unclaimed—no holes in one on that hole!

Not only was the golfing great, the day yielded over \$156,000, a terrific increase over last year. The money raised at this benefit goes directly to ensuring that disadvantaged youth of Newark and the surrounding urban areas have the opportunity for an excellent education and enduring Core Values that will help them succeed in high school and beyond. With the high level of support this event generated, Link will continue to be a powerful learning community for middle school students.

An event such as this cannot happen without the support of many people. A very special thank you goes to Chris Garavente and Metedeconk for hosting the event, Ed Sheridan for serving as the emcee/auctioneer at the reception held at the conclusion of the day; and the entire Benefit Committee (Rich Mullarkey, Art Stern, Bob Bertoni, Chris Garavente, Andrew Lacey, Mike Seergy, Ed Sheridan and Paul Stephenson) for providing great leadership and support.

We are also grateful to all the sponsors for the event, including Bob Bertoni, Bill Booker, Tom Brady, Chris Garavente, Paul Garavente, John Lawlor and Merrill Lynch, Andrea and Paul Stephenson and Roger Vasey, and all who participated in the event and took part in the auction.

To join us for next year's event, please contact Maria Pilar Paradiso at 973-642-5343 or [maria.paradiso@linkschool.org](mailto:maria.paradiso@linkschool.org). ■



*Relaxing a little with friends before the big start*

## Link Receives Major Awards/Grants

Link extends a special thank you to the following foundations, corporations, civic groups, and churches who have generously provided grants/major awards to Link for the 2005-2006 school year thus far.

Alliance Berstein Foundation  
 Dominican Motherhouse and Novitiate  
 E.J. Grassman Trust  
 Junior League of Montclair-Newark  
 Marino Education Emergency Needs  
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel  
 Playsmart  
 Raskob Foundation  
 Robert R. Waitts Foundation  
 Schumann Fund for New Jersey  
 St. Helen's Parish Outreach  
 St. Mary's Abbey  
 St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church  
 The Prudential Foundation  
 Toyota/Scion of Runnemede  
 Turrell Fund  
 Victoria Foundation

## CORE VALUES

Respect ■ Responsibility ■ Honesty ■ Caring  
 Doing One's Best ■ Following Directions

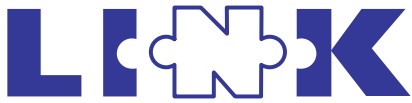
These core values are practiced by our community of students, faculty, and staff.

## 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 a flexible installment payment option. The projected cost for 2005-2006 is \$14,600. Consider sponsoring a student today! Please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 973-642-5343 for more details.

## MOVING?

Let us know your new address!  
 Call 973-642-5343



## Community School

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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  
Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools