

ROCK SOLID ACADEMY HOSTS ACSI ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR



Rock Solid Academy hosted the Associate Director from the Association of Christian Schools International. Dr. David Hegedus has served in Christian school education for 30 years and the last nine as Associate Director with ACSI. He has been an elementary principal and Head of School and provided an overview of the services ACSI can support Rock Solid Academy with and revealed that globally Christian schooling is expanding. From left, are Carolyn Oravitz, Polly Harteis, Gerald Harteis, board chairman, Rock Solid Academy; Mark A. DiPippa, President/Head of School, Rock Solid Academy; Hegedus and William Norwig.

ROCK SOLID ACADEMY VIDEO DEBUTS



Mark DiPippa, president of Head of School of Rock Solid Academy, unveiled a new promotional video at Fellowship Evangelical Free Church during Sunday morning service. He was also available during a post Sunday School fellowship time to answer questions about the school. The video was compiled by Pastor Fred Pettet of Brite Idea Productions of the Pittsburgh area. From left, are Jim Hennings, Elder Board Chairman Fellowship, EFC; Mark A. DiPippa, President/Head of School, Rock Solid Academy; and Pastor Marc Ramirez-Fellowship EFC.

RS Academy 'church tour' continues

Rock Solid Academy has now been introduced to over 1,000 people on Sunday mornings. The "church tour," as it is called, started on October 23.

Mark DiPippa, president/head of school, has presented live or video presentations at all of the churches and has been available to answer questions before and after the services.

Rock Solid Academy has also hosted four parent/community meetings at four different churches.

The next family/community meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at New Life Community Church in Dallas.

DiPippa will continue the "tour" by presenting this week at Cross Creek Community Church in Trucksville on the 9 and 10:45 a.m. services.



Mark A. DiPippa-President/Head of School Rock Solid Academy, will deliver a presentation at New Life Community Church in Dallas on Tuesday, Dec. 6. From left, are DiPippa, Pastor Gideon Galtano and Robin Galtano, of New Life Community Church.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Twelve Twenty Four performs at TAHS

Twelve Twenty Four will bring its high-energy, full-scale holiday rock orchestra concert to the Tunkhannock Area High School Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9. The performance features the music of the Trans Siberian Orchestra, as well as the local band's own recorded holiday creations.

Tickets, at \$15 per person presale or \$20 at the door, can be purchased from Tunkhannock Marching Band students, Gay's True Value, Bridge Street, Tunkhannock; Rock Street Music, Pittston; or online at www.twelvetwentyfour.net.

For more information, call 836-6979.

Sem Jazz Ensemble plans concert

The Wyoming Seminary Upper School Jazz Ensemble, recently selected by the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) as the best jazz ensemble in the state will present a concert at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13 in the Buckingham Performing Arts Center on the Upper School campus.

The concert is free and open to the public.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

MU announces graduation speaker

Sister Patricia A. Talone, RSM, Ph.D., vice president of mission services for the Catholic Health Association of the United States, will give the commencement address at Misericordia University's inaugural winter graduation ceremony at 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 19 in the Anderson Sports and Health Center on campus.

A baccalaureate Mass will precede the ceremony in the campus chapel at 3:30 p.m.

During the commencement ceremony, Misericordia University will present Sister Talone with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Barry Wilson to perform at Misericordia

The Misericordia University Diversity Institute will host Barry Wilson, a former member of the all-male musical group, Acapella, as he performs Negro spirituals in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day from 6 to 8 p.m. on January 16 in Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall on campus. The show is open free to the public.

For more information, contact Scott Richardson, Ed.D., director of the Misericordia University Diversity Institute, at 674-6247 or e-mail him at srichard@misericordia.edu.

MU students collect clothing

Misericordia University's student newspaper, The High-

lander, in conjunction with international online magazine, College Lifestyles, has collected more than 200 articles of clothing for A Common Thread, a local clothing bank in Wilkes-Barre.

MU students began collecting clothes on Nov. 18 during the inaugural "Stylista Strut Runway and Trunk Show." Due to the overwhelming response from the community, the clothing drive will be continued until Dec. 9.

Six local boutiques participated in the show, including Tullahs, Love Want Wear, The Snooty Fox, Sophie's Closet, Earth and Wears and Buka.



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