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From the President



We begin our third year assisting parents committed to education. For the 2002-2003 year we will be awarding 100 scholarships, double the number last year, thanks to our generous contributors.

We said goodbye to our director, Monica, when she graduated from the University of Maine and moved out of state. We are very fortunate to now have Kari Picard, a senior at Thomas College, majoring in accounting as our new Program Director. Feel free to give Kari a call with your questions or comments.

Sponsors for students in the Bangor area have committed \$50,000 to fund scholarships this year. We continue to seek sponsors from other counties, to sponsor students in their area. Last year we received applications from all but two counties and have many needy students waiting for scholarships. We particularly would like to find sponsors for the 35 students in Washington County and the 44 in Aroostook County.

Please check our website for updated information, www.mecsf.org.

We thank all of you who have made this possible. Our best wishes from the Board of Directors for a happy and prosperous New Year.

— Betsy Chapman
President



From the Director

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."

—Anatole France

We believe in:

- Family** – for their support and appreciation of MCSF
- Students** – for seeking a better education and their will for learning about life
- Education** – as guidance for a child's future
- Teachers** – for their support in one's life
- Contributors** – for keeping us going and supporting the fund — allowing us to help those who need it most

To all — Thank you for Believing in us and yourselves.

—Kari Picard
Director



**Applications
accepted
January 1, 2002 –
April 30, 2002**

**Winners will
be notified
May 20, 2002**

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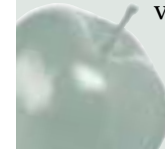
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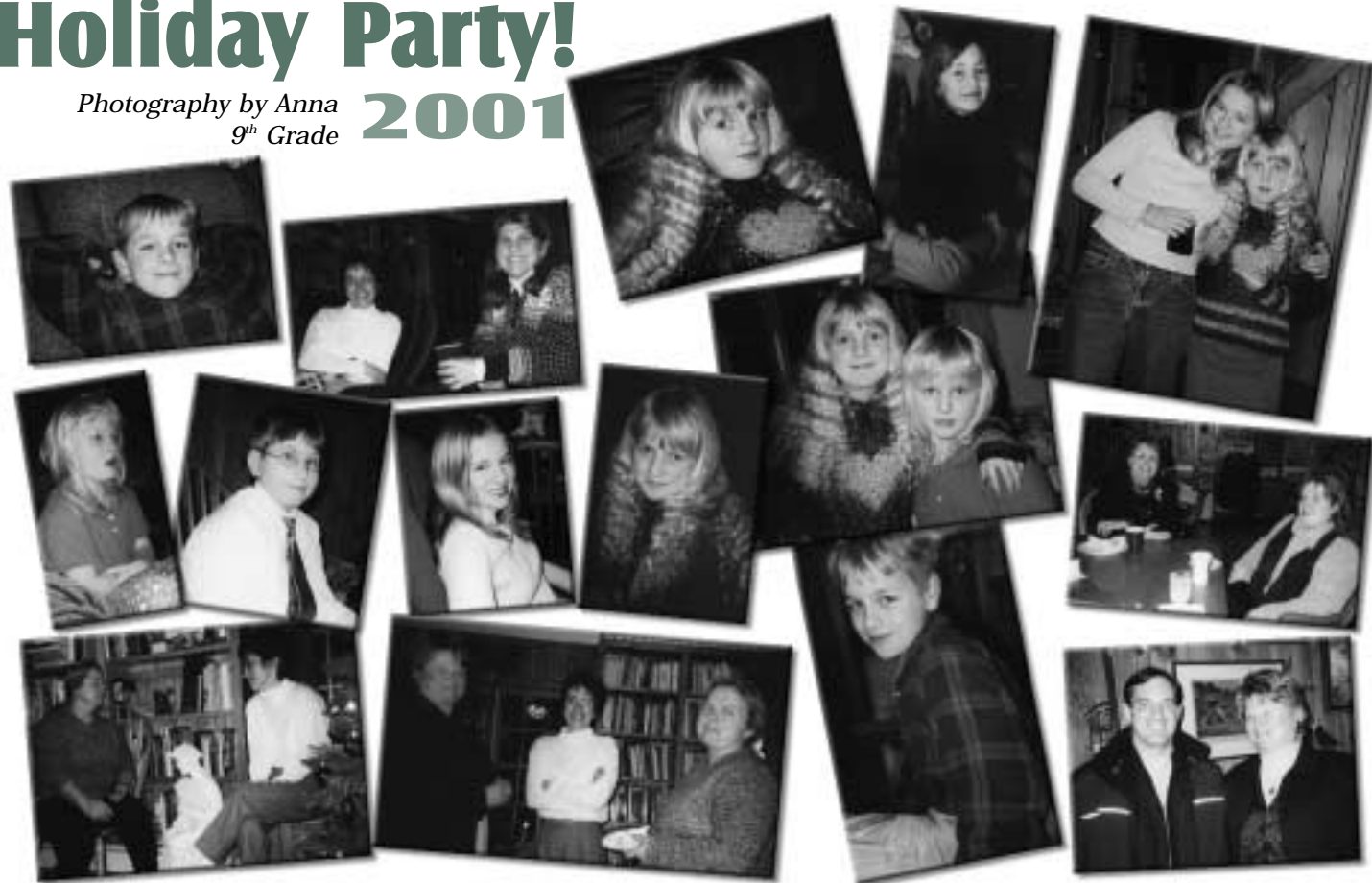
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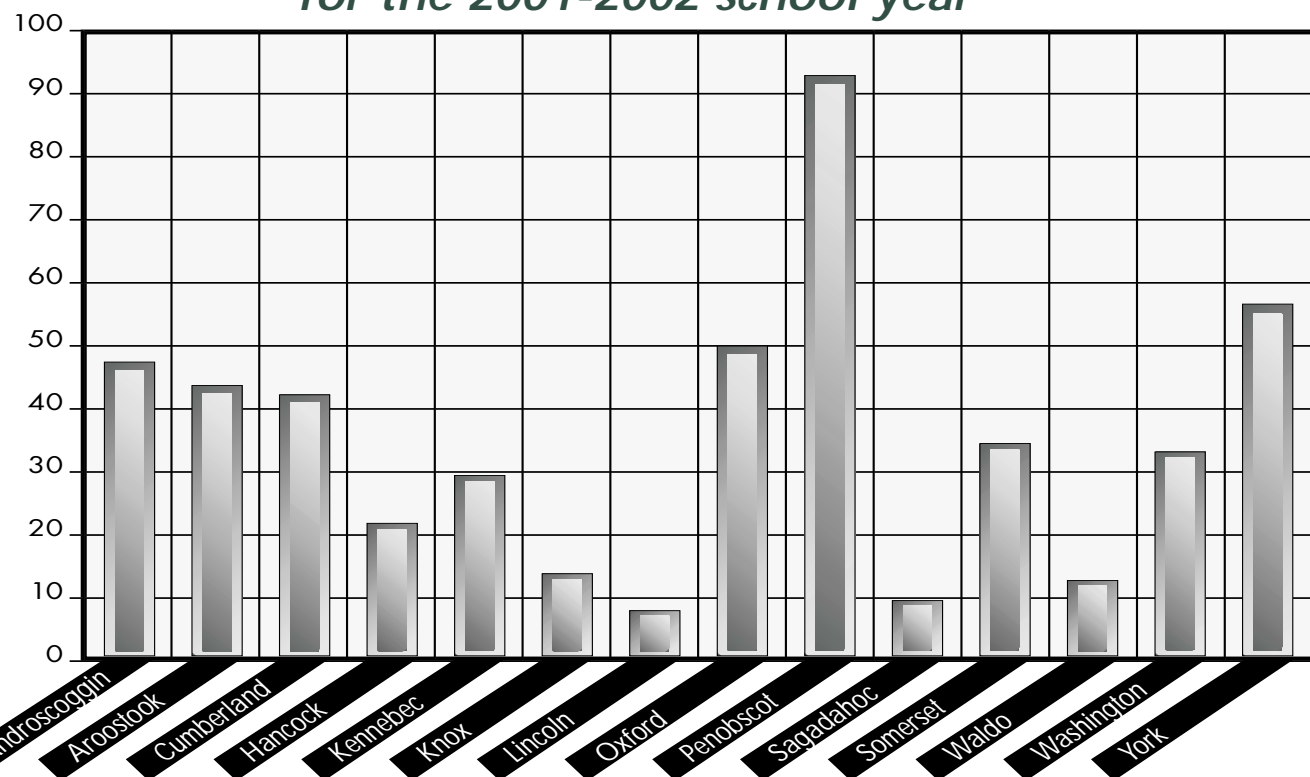
Holiday Party!

Photography by Anna
9th Grade

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Applications received from each Maine County for the 2001-2002 school year



One Family's Story

"Practice has to be a process of endless disappointment. We have to see that everything we demand (and even get) eventually disappoints us. This is our teacher."

— **Charlotte Joko Beck**



Having gone to public schools my whole entire life growing up, I can now see the difference between

Montessori and Public Schools. One of the major differences that I have come to recognize is the type of focus that is maintained in the classrooms. Being considered one group in the public school compared with being considered one individual in the Montessori School. Like myself, Delilah is a very shy person and I truly believe that a public school would have had a hard time trying to bring her inner-personality out due to the differences in focus. I think that because Jo-Anne (her teacher) and Marion put so much energy and time into each child to

discover who they are and what they need and want has helped Delilah tremendously in overcoming her shyness. Not only do the teachers provide this aspect, but also they really seem to focus on the different levels that each child is really capable of learning at.

As a parent and a student, I believe that education is one of the most important things that should be recognized and taught properly in our society today. An individual should have all the same opportunities as another individual, but this does not happen, usually because of a lack of finances. The Maine Children's Scholarship Fund scholarship that was offered to Delilah, her dad and I have enabled us to provide Delilah with the kind of education that I know will truly benefit her. Already I have seen so much improvement in not only her social skills, but

also her willingness and acceptability to learning what is offered to her.

Delilah is my angel and I only want her to have the best of everything. I know that I provide her with all of my heart and love and someday I will be able to provide her some of the "material" things that she will want as she gets older. For now, however, I am still a student and thanks to other caring individuals they have provided something for my daughter that I was unable to do. Thank you all for the support and most of all I want everyone to know how important and special I believe the scholarship program to be.

"Knowledge is learning something everyday. Wisdom is letting go of something everyday."

— **Zen Saying**

Sincerely,
Delilah's Mom



Progress Report

I am writing this as a follow up for you and your contributors as to the progress of Joseph and Andrew at the All Saints Catholic School. We think of you often and the work that all of you do for the children. We are pleased to enclose their first report cards to show you how well they are doing! Without your generous contributions to their education, this may not have been possible.

Sincerely,
Joel and Linda