

The Janus School Announces Upcoming Events

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The Janus School, located at 205 Lefever Road, Mount Joy, has a number of events on its 2011 calendar. These events will provide interested individuals with a variety of opportunities to learn more about the school and to determine if The Janus School might benefit their children.

According to a brochure, the

school, with a motto of "Because not all great minds think alike," aims "to help individuals with learning differences access their potential by providing excellence in education, research, and community outreach." Currently, The Janus School serves 64 students in kindergarten through 12th grade, with a student-teacher ratio of 6 to 1. In addition to student-centered

instruction and small class sizes, the school features social and communication skills classes, service learning opportunities, performing arts, science and social studies fairs, one-to-one tutorials for all first-year students with optional tutorials for returning students, and more.

To give families an opportunity to get a more in-depth look at The Janus School, the school has scheduled a number of open houses. The first event will take place on Sunday, Jan. 23, from 1 to 3 p.m., with additional open houses set to take place on Thursdays, Feb. 3, April 7, and July 7, at 9 a.m., and March 3 and May 5 at 7 p.m. "(Attendees will) learn about different aspects of the school," explained Robin Payne, director of admission and outreach. She added that the history of the school, its mission, the types of students that it serves, features of the various programs, teaching methods, and more will be featured. Attendees may also tour the school, interact with staff and administrators, and ask questions.

At the open houses, attendees may obtain more information on the school's FLITE (Foundations for Learning Independence Through Education) Program. The

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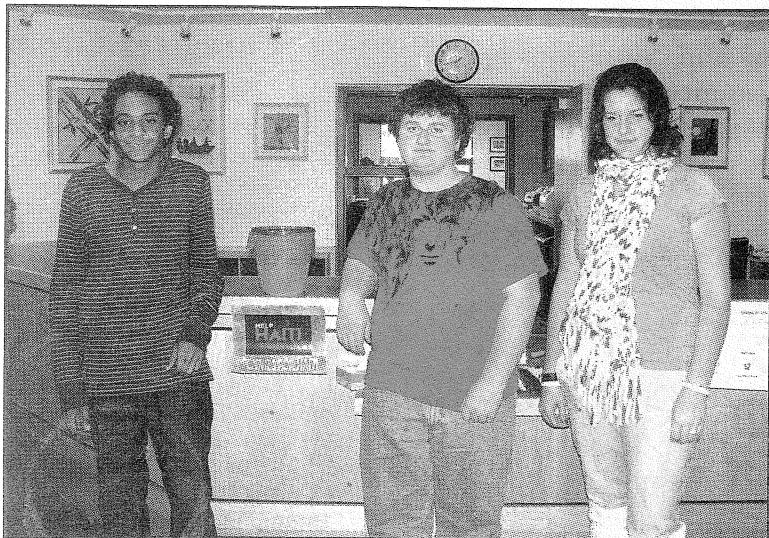


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Students at The Janus School, including (from left) Aaron Bryant, Evan Brinkman, and Kelly Brosey, have helped to collect money for Haiti. The school has slated a number of open houses in the coming months, with an upcoming event scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 23, from 1 to 3 p.m.

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program, geared toward students who are not enrolled in the day programs at The Janus School, offers tutoring in a number of areas, including GED preparation, military placement tests, literary assistance, support for adult learners, additional support in the areas of organization and study skills, and more.

The school also hosts parent forums, which focus on a variety of relevant topics. Forums have been slated for Wednesdays, Feb. 23 and March 23. The February event, scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m., will provide information on "Your Child's Medications." The March event, which will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m., will focus on "Post-Secondary Supports for Students with Learning Disabilities."

On April 7, educator and author Dr. Jane Bluestein will present a program titled "My

Brain Doesn't Work Like That!" Her 6 p.m. lecture will focus on accommodating various learning differences in order to achieve success with non-traditional learners.

The Janus School also offers summer programs, with several sessions taking place from Monday, June 20, to Friday, July 29. Offerings will cover a wide range of topics, and all students, including those who are not enrolled at The Janus School, may take part in the various programs. Youths do not need to have been diagnosed with a learning disability to take part in the summer programs.

To learn more about The Janus School and its upcoming events, readers may visit www.thejanusschool.org. Registration for the open houses is encouraged but not required, and it may be made by calling Payne at 653-0025, ext. 102.