

**Catholic Schools Week is Coming!**

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is "Catholic Schools – Dividends for Life" and it will occur from January 31<sup>st</sup> to February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Many different events will be taking place during this week that is set aside to appreciate the fact that attending a Catholic School is very special. Some of these events include: Open House for parishioners to visit and see the school, Scholarship Blood Drive (details included), Spelling Bee, Pep Rally, Bags of Hope Outreach, Coin War, NJHS Induction and Luncheon, Dancin' Through the Decades, Blessing of Throats, Wheel of Fortune, Powder Puff Game, Talent Show, Bingo with Buddies, and Field Day.

During this wonderful week, the students have changes in the attire they are to wear to school for most days. The schedule is as follows:

- Monday – Blue and white shirts, jeans, sneakers
- Tuesday – Dress uniforms
- Wednesday – Sport jersey, school khakis, sneakers
- Thursday – NUTS day outfit
- Friday – P.E. uniforms, crazy socks, sneakers

In addition, students will need to bring a bag lunch on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. The NJHS Induction will be held Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10-11am, with the NJHS luncheon held afterwards, from 11:30-12:30. The Blessing of the Throats will be held during morning prayer on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, so parents in attendance that morning can participate as well. The Open House will occur after all Masses on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, from 10am-2pm.

Let's get ready for a fun week!

**NJHS Has New Members**

Congratulations to Andrew Chiemelarski, Chris Smith, Nicholas Lonabaugh, Dean Drafts, Reagan Johnson, Kailey Carter, Faith Delle, Brennan Lasher, Gaby Parpia, Rafaela Evans, Madison Calderin, Ryan Trammell, Megan Killer, Ally Bahng Tori Silberbush, Caty Smith, Sarah Boik, Andrew Vandendriessche, Tommy Montoya, Shelby Eiger, Marissa Palmer, Rebecca Ashley, Marissa Sherlock and Rebekah Hinz. These students have been selected for National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) based on scholarship, citizenship, leadership, character and service. The new members will be inducted into NJHS on Tuesday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:45 in the Family Life Center.

**Bishop Moore Scholarship Blood Drive**

As part of Catholic Schools Week and our ongoing commitment to serve others, Annunciation Catholic Academy will be hosting a "Scholarship Blood Drive" on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. The Community Blood Centers of Central Florida will have a bus parked in front of the Academy from 8:00am- 2:00pm. For every unit of blood donated, the blood center will donate \$20 to a scholarship fund. All ACA 8<sup>th</sup> graders planning to attend Bishop Moore High School will be eligible to participate in an essay contest about service which is associated with the award.

The grand prize for winning the essay contest will be the scholarship money created through this drive. This is a great opportunity to promote service to the community and reward an 8<sup>th</sup> grader for his/her commitment to serve others. All adult members of our parish community are invited to participate.



**Danny Rosario Memorial Basketball Game**

Make plans to attend the Danny Rosario Memorial Basketball Game! It will be the ACA Dads versus the WESH TV All Stars. The date is Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Annunciation Gym. Hope you can come!

**DENNIS Happy New Year's Savings**

10% savings on all purchases and orders... phone, mail, internet, and in-store. Offer valid only during January 2010, excludes marked down items. Online – [www.dennisuniform.com](http://www.dennisuniform.com), national Customer Service – 800-854-6951.

**All Star Endowment Auction/Ball 2010**

It's time to dust off your dancing shoes and practice your moves. Whether you love hip hop or disco, the choice is yours! This year's ball will feature a DJ to play your music favorites. Reserve March 19<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for a night of fun music, great food, and wonderful auction items. Remember, you will be having fun while contributing to a very worthy cause. You don't want to miss this event!



## Bags of Hope Outreach

Please help the homeless. Remember to send in items for Bags of Hope. Items needed include chap stick, deodorant, antibacterial bar soap, washcloths, hand sanitizer, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, disposable razors, shampoo (VO5), and mints. Thank you for helping those less fortunate.

## Quill Corner

A writing sample from Quill Society member Rebekah Hinz, 8<sup>th</sup> grade:

I gazed out at my surroundings and stood with my mouth wide open. How could something this beautiful be hidden behind nothing but miles and miles of trees? A breathtaking, glorious sanctuary calmed every aspect of my body. The gentle wind tangled my hair and ruffled the wildflowers around me. I lifted my head toward the baby blue, cloudless sky and let the buttery sunshine warm my face...

## Gold Stars:

★ Gold Stars to NJHS members **Mark Voitik, Amanda Cooksey, Marianna Wharry, Katie MacPherson, Claire Ferry, Catherine Ridgeway, Ines Botto and Ellen Baker.** These students supervised and entertained Annunciation Child Care preschoolers while their parents went to an informational meeting about ACA.

★ Gold Stars to **all the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents** that helped drive and/or chaperone for the field trip Wednesday. This trip would not have been a success without the assistance of our parents! Thank you so much.

★ Gold Stars to **Elizabeth Amat**, who had 8.5 inches of hair cut off last week to donate to the "Pantene Beautiful Lengths" program. Her hair will be used to make free wigs for women who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment. Anyone interested in this cause can visit the website



[www.beautifullengths.com](http://www.beautifullengths.com)

for more information. We are proud of you, Elizabeth!

## Catholic Schools Week With the Orlando Magic!

Celebrate with students, faculty, family and friends from across Central Florida. Watch All-Stars like Dwight Howard, Vince Carter and Rashard Lewis take on the Milwaukee Bucks or the Washington Wizards! For Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> Upper Bowl tickets are sold out, but Lower Bowl options are available! On Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> the Catholic School Teacher of the Year will be honored at Halftime! The first 20 students to order for Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, will "high five" the Magic Players pre-game! Call Steve Chamberland for ticket information (407) 916-2915.

Tues., February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 Magic vs. Bucks 7:00pm

Fri., February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Magic vs. Wizards 7:00pm

## Calendar

**January 27:** Principal's Coffee K-2<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:05am in Cafetorium

**January 31-February 5:** Catholic Schools Week

**February 2:** Mass Day 8:30am Parents Welcome

**February 11:** Middle School Dance 6:30-9:30

**February 12:** Diocesan Inservice – **No School**  
Roller Skating at Semoran Skateway

**February 15:** President's Day – **No School**

**February 17:** Ash Wednesday (Dress Uniforms) Mass Day 10:00am Parents Welcome

**February 22-25:** Book Fair

**February 24:** Middle School Outreach/Conferences/  
Career Day  
Principal's Coffee 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> @ 8:05am in Cafetorium

**March 2:** Mass Day 8:30am Parents Welcome

**March 4:** Walk-A-Thon **12:30 Dismissal**

**March 5:** Diocesan Inservice – **No School**

**March 8-19:** ITBS Tests for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

**March 10:** Lenten Reconciliation Service for 5B-8<sup>th</sup> grade

**March 16:** Mass Day 8:30am Parents Welcome

**March 17:** Pastor Appreciation Day

**March 18:** End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

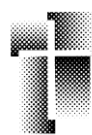
**March 24:** Lenten Reconciliation Service 2<sup>nd</sup>-5A  
Principal's Coffee 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 8:05am in the Cafetorium

Final grades, conduct and comments available for viewing on Edline after 3pm

## Carpool Tip of the Week

If your passengers do not come to the car when the rest of the line is ready to move, pull forward as follows:

- If you are in the right lane, go around the corner and stop next to the curb. Wave drivers around you if necessary.
- If you are in the left lane, drive around the flagpole island and reenter the carpool lane. Stopping anywhere else is hazardous to your child and your vehicle.



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