



CATHOLIC HIGH PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCTION

As most of you are aware, I made the announcement in December that this year will be my last at Catholic High. It is remarkable how many people have reached out in the past four weeks to express their thanks and well-wishes. It confirms my belief that Catholic High is a caring community. It also speaks to the overwhelming kindness and hospitality that Joanne and I have enjoyed while living and working here in New Iberia. This is a unique school and we will have many fond memories to share with our children—who will always have “New Iberia, Louisiana” as their birthplace.

INFORMATION

1. The Santa Call was a testament to the generosity of our parents. Over \$13,000 was donated to our teachers by over half of our families. Both of these numbers are records!
2. Registration for next year is continuing until February 12th. Please follow the directions on ParentsWeb or on the “Registration 2010-2011” link on the website. After February 12th, registration fee increases to \$500 per family and no spots are guaranteed.
3. Report cards were sent home today in grades 4-5. For grades 6-12, the report card feature of RenWeb was turned on for viewing today also.
4. Fr. Charles Langlois, Pastor of St. Peter Catholic Church, has been appointed to another 3-year term as chancellor.
5. It occurred to me that many parents don't know that students lead our school-wide prayer every morning. I think it's important to encourage our students to write their own prayers and to have the experience of speaking to the entire school. For this month, the seniors are leading prayer this week, the juniors will lead prayer Jan 11-14, the sophomores Jan 19-22, and the freshmen Jan 25-29.
6. When you venture into the gym, you might notice the new individual state champions signs. In chronological order, the state champions of individual sports (tennis, track, gymnastics, and cross country) are honored. One of our current students, Morgan LeLeux, made the list three times (indoor pole vault, outdoor pole vault, and gymnastics). Special thanks to Sharon LeBlanc for her hard work on researching the information.

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7. You might also notice the new surface on the back drive and bus loop. After all the work Todd LeMaire has done on the drainage of the back drive, a hot tar and gravel surface was placed on top of the larger rocks and should minimize the dust and potholes.
8. The Student Council and Key Club sponsored a "Christmas Care Packages for Soldiers" service project to give thanks to our soldiers. The club members donated food, supplies, and toiletries for soldiers currently serving in Balad, Iraq. They also donated some fun items for the children in Iraq such as school supplies, coloring books, crayons, and small toys. The club members packaged twenty-three boxes of donations and shipped them in time for a special Christmas delivery.
9. The Religion Department sponsored a Christmas Food & Toy Drive during Advent. Students, faculty, staff, and even members of our cafeteria staff donated non-perishable food items and toys. On Saturday, December 19th, ten teams of students organized food, filled baskets, wrapped toys, and made Christmas cards for twenty needy families in the New Iberia area. Then, they delivered the food and toy baskets to the families. One of the needy families was also given a Christmas Tree with ornaments, lights, and other decorations.
10. I thought you might want to check out three little articles posted on the Daily Iberian website. To get to them you go to the **Daily Iberian** site (www.iberianet.com), then go to "People", then to "School News." The articles are entitled: Consolata Visit Done in Good Spirit, Hebrew Testament Studied and CHS' Advent Mission targets Bangladesh. All three articles highlight the good works taking place in Lucy Lissard's religion classes.

GOOD NEWS

1. Please join me in congratulating Genie Segura and Erin Henry as our Employees of the Month! Both Genie and Erin worked hard to secure our technology grant and have been working alongside our high school core teachers to implement it effectively.
2. Congratulations to our Students of the Month:
 - a. 4th grade: Taylor Fowler
 - b. 5th grade: Andrew Menard
 - c. 6th grade: Will Mullen
 - d. 7th grade: Kaschia Benjamin
 - e. 8th grade: Bryce Rodriguez

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- f. 9th grade: Jacob Daly
 - g. 10th grade: Monique Broussard
 - h. 11th grade: Taylor Genest
 - i. 12th grade: Dylan Breaux
3. Every year, Catholic High participates in the state's Student of the Year program. The first step is to identify the students who meet the GPA qualifications and then the teachers nominate the top 5 students in the 5th, 8th, and 12th grades. Those students were then required to submit a portfolio and then interview for the award. One student is then nominated from Catholic High. Congratulations to the following nominees:
- a. 5th grade: Macy Romero
 - b. 8th grade: Holli Comeaux
 - c. 12th grade: Jacob Nelson
4. Congratulations to Cody Barber for his second place finish in Lincoln-Douglas Debate at the Lafayette High Speech & Debate Tournament.
5. Fresh off the heels of one of its most successful teams ever, the football team celebrates the following All-District members:
- a. 1st Team Offense: Taylor Bullock, Cory Brodie, Thomas Theriot, and Devin Boutte
 - b. 1st Team Defense: Brennan Kenner, Dylan Vincent, and Ridge Miguez
 - c. 2nd Team Offense: Andrew Hebert, Brennan Kenner, and Grant Quinlan
 - d. 2nd Team Defense: Ian Bordes, Tyler Olivier, and Brady Rogers
 - e. Honorable Mention: Miles Landry, Christian Viator, Troy Davis, Tyler Landry, and Justin LaBiche
6. The Panthers are also proud to recognize Taylor Bullock and Devin Boutte as first-team All-State players this year. Cory Brodie received Honorable Mention.
7. The Science and Social Studies Fair this year produced some excellent projects and was a testament to our students' time, effort, and research. Congratulations to all who entered projects in the fair and especially to the following winners.

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SCIENCE FAIR, SENIOR DIVISION

Animal Science

1. Matthew Destouet
2. Alexandra Badeaux

Behavioral Science

1. Morgan Migues
 2. James Simon
 3. Shelby Babineaux
- HM Grant Nelson

Chemistry

1. Meredith Will
2. Sarah Valls
3. Brooke Ford

Computer Science

1. James Cenac
2. Jonathan Armentor
3. Steve Berzas

Earth Science

1. Katherine Viator
2. Holden Broussard

Engineering

1. Alex Breaux
 2. Pete Champagne
 3. E.J. Broussard (Evan James)
- HM Justin Ardeneaux

Environmental Science

1. Philip Sandoz
 2. Katelyn Dean
 3. Shelby Broussard
- HM Dylan Vincent

Mathematics

1. Hale Trahan
2. Angelo Drago

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Medicine and Health

1. Mason Hebert
 2. Abigail Henagan
 3. Lauren Jolivette
- HM Emily Taylor
HM Jena Fontenot
HM Haley Miller

Physics and Space Science

1. Jacob Nelson
 2. John Lassalle
 3. Miles Robichaux
- HM Stephen Vilcan
HM Ross Landry
HM Kyle East
HM Dylan Breaux
HM TJ LeBlanc

Plant Sciences

1. Melissa Pesson
 2. JoLena Broussard
 3. Prentice Forsythe
- HM Ian Bordes

Group Projects

1. Lanie Lissard and Thomas Caffery
 2. Victoria Guidry and Alexis Guidry
 3. Ashley Poirrier and Taylor Fontenot
- HM Sara Gibson and Maxine Bourgeois
HM Kristin Ball and Natalie Derouen
HM Dustin Romero and Jude Frederick
HM Jeanne Switzer and Katherine Picard

OVERALL, SENIOR DIVISION, SCIENCE FAIR:

Jacob Nelson: "Effect of Temperature on Conductivity of Copper and Aluminum"

SCIENCE FAIR, JUNIOR DIVISION

Animal Science

1. Leah Richard
 2. Luke Robichaux
 3. Florencia Scaglia
- HM Jon Segura
HM Maci Fremin
HM Hunter Vige'

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Behavioral Science

1. Nick Bonin
 2. Sam Breaux
 3. Ridge Poirrier
- Hm Margaret Bourg

Biochemistry

1. Anne Caffery

Chemistry

1. Taylor Guillory
2. Paige Stansbury

Earth Science

1. Wyatt Richthofen

Engineering

1. Benjamin Armentor
 2. Thomas Purdy
 3. Webb Broussard
- HM Courtland Parr

Medicine and Health

1. Amber DiMarco
 2. Sarah Broussard
 3. Megan Bourg
- HM Alyssa Broussard

Physics and Space Science

1. Claire Stansbury
2. Ashley Berard

Group Projects

1. Lauren de Mahy and Madeleine Vines
 2. Taylor Gonsoulin and Breanna Porche
 3. Alex Hebert and Morgan DeRouen
- HM Paul Simon and Jack Bordes
HM Sabrina Savoy and Bryce Rodriguez
HM Lauren Barber and Sydney Schwing
HM Alex Mendoza and William Olander
HM Taylor Robichaux and Austin Menard
HM Meredith Musso and Alexandra Landry
HM Lanie Marcantel and Morgan Rosamond

OVERALL, JUNIOR DIVISION, SCIENCE FAIR:

Anne Caffery: "Dark versus Light: The Spoilation of Food"

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SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR, DIVISION III (SENIOR DIVISION – Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

Anthropology

1. Ryan Durand
2. Halee Snellgrove
3. Allyson Gary

Economics

1. Lily Landry
2. Andrew Girouard
3. Blake Fleming

History

1. Trey Degroat
2. Paul Breaux
3. Monique Broussard

Political Science

1. Blake Byrom

Sociology

1. Travis Guillory
 2. Joey Nelson
 3. Albony Martin
- HM Cody Barber

Group Anthropology

1. Zachary Suit and Joe Lissard

Group Economics

1. Caroline Hulin and Morgan Courville

Group History

1. Jim Douglas and Evan Hebert
2. Thomas Theriot and Julien Stokes
3. Camille Hebert and Michele Duhe'

Group Political Science

1. Chayse Romero and Meghan Bellingham

Group Sociology

1. Jacob Martin and Dylan Pellerin
 2. Marly Melancon and Meghan Magar
 3. Phillip Mixon and Marie Hoag
- HM Farrah Freeman and Ryan Hebert

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OVERALL, DIVISION III (SENIOR DIVISION, GRADES 9, 10, 11, 12)

SOCIAL SCIENCE FAIR:

Ryan Durand: "What it takes to learn a Foreign Language"

SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR, DIVISION II (MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION – Grades 7, 8)

Economics

1. Margaret Pellerin

History

1. Thomas Defelice
 2. Reed Bellingham
 3. Samantha Trail
- HM Devin Verret

Political Science

1. Morgan Lahasky

Group Economics

1. Aline Mullen and William Mullen
2. Alyssa Arcement and Madison Fremin

Group History

1. Gabe Fuselier and Joe Dworaczyk

Group Sociology

1. Nic Broussard and Connor Henry
2. Courtney Norris and Phenicia Smith
3. Alaina Fontenot and Mallory O'brien

OVERALL, DIVISION II (Junior DIVISION, GRADES 7, 8)

SOCIAL SCIENCE FAIR:

Aline Mullen and William Mullen: "Economic Depression"

SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR, DIVISION I (ELEMENTARY DIVISION – Grades 4, 5, 6)

Economics

1. Brittany Patout
2. Maddy Hoag

History

1. Shelby Eskin
2. Karley Rockwell

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Sociology

1. Coco Sonnier
2. Nicholas Bellingham
3. Joseph Bourg

Group History

1. Victoria Trox and Caroline Doucet
2. Timmy Declouet and T.J. Norris (Charles Anthony)

REQUESTS

1. Teachers are only supervising from 7:15-3:30. Please do not drop your students off before then and please pick up your students by 3:30 pm. If you cannot pick them up by 3:30, you should make arrangements for them to ride the bus.
2. Work has begun on the April 24th "Retro Prom" fundraiser. If you are interested in serving on one of the planning committees or would like to learn more about ways in which you can get involved by purchasing tickets, table sponsorships, or donating silent auction items, please contact Jamie Nelson-Hebert (jhebert@chspanthers.com or 256-5687).

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. No school on Friday, January 15th due to the Faculty Retreat. Renowned speaker, author, youth minister and alumnus Roy Petifils will be spending the day with us. All of our school offices will be closed that day too.
2. Our Catholic Schools Week celebration will be taking place during the last full week of January. The theme for this year is "Dividends for Life: Faith, Knowledge, Discipline, Morals." Events will include:
 - a. Parent Appreciation Day on Monday, January 25th. Hot chocolate or doughnuts have been served in the car line in years past. Who knows what surprise awaits you this year?
 - b. Student Appreciation Day on Tuesday, January 26th. Students are expecting a free dress day!
 - c. Grandparent Appreciation Day on Wednesday, January 27th. Grandparents of students in grades 4-8 will be invited for a 2:00 ceremony. Students will be allowed to leave with their grandparents immediately following the assembly.
 - d. All-School Mass and Staff Appreciation Day on Thursday, January 28th. The entire St. Edward's School will be in attendance for the 8:30 am Mass. The gym should be crowded! Our nominees for Student of the Year will be recognized as well as our Educators and Supporters of the Year (which will be announced for the first time at the Mass).
 - e. Faculty Appreciation Day on Friday, January 29th. Jamie Nelson-Hebert, Development Director, will be coordinating the lunch for teachers. Feel free to contact her (jhebert@chspanthers.com or 256-5687) to find out how you can assist. There will also be a 2:00 pm Pep Rally which is highlighted by the Faculty vs. Senior Basketball game.

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3. Home girls soccer games: January 6th vs. ESA*, Jan 13th vs. Opelousas Catholic*, Jan 20th vs. ASH*, and Jan 27th vs. ESA*.
4. Home boys soccer games: January 6th vs. Notre Dame*, Jan 16th vs. Abbeville*, and Jan 27th vs. North Vermilion*.
5. Home boys basketball games: January 6th vs. Jeanerette, Jan 8th vs. Erath, and Jan 22nd vs. Berwick*.
6. Feeder school registration packet pick-up from St. Joseph Catholic School at 1 pm on Wednesday, January 13th.
7. Feeder school site visit to Trinity Catholic School on Wednesday, January 13th from 1:30-3:30 pm.
8. Feeder school site visit to St. Edward Catholic School on Thursday, January 14th from 1-5 pm.
9. Home girls basketball games: January 22nd vs. Berwick*.
10. Middle School mixer on Friday, January 29th, 6-9 pm.
11. "Big Man on Campus" dance is scheduled for 8-11 pm on Saturday, January 23rd.
12. ACT on Saturday, February 6th.

CONCLUSION

As the spring semester begins, we are hopeful that all of the great momentum we developed in the fall will continue. Our hope is that all of our families will re-commit to Catholic High and support our school. We need your support so that we can continue to grow and to provide the best learning environment for our students.

Dr. Tim Uhl
January 6, 2010