

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

BEING CHRIST FOR OTHERS

Dear Parents,

In August, our school community experienced a great loss. Larsan Korvilli was a beautiful young man whose effervescent personality and gleaming smile inspired many people - young and old alike - with whom he crossed paths. Larsan had so many strengths: a

strong work ethic that made him an Honor Roll student, athletic and artistic ability, and a willingness to serve his community. However, all of those pale in comparison to the fact that Larsan lived his life to lift the spirits of others. He has a giving and loving spirit that was reflected in all of his actions and interactions. Larsan's greatest gift to us as he left this earth was his example.

I've come to learn that it is not time that heals, but love that heals all wounds.

The love that Larsan fostered and his example as being Christ to others will

go a long way toward helping us heal.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

In Christ's Peace,



Bill Runey

DESSERT WITH MR. RUNEY

Would you like to hear the latest information on what is going on in school, and have an opportunity to meet more parents? If so, come join us on Monday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mercy Hall Library.

AGENDA

- 6:30 p.m. Social
- 6:45 p.m. Mr. Runey's presentation
(followed by questions and answers)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

UNMISTAKEN VALUE

"Sometime you may have to get the grade before the lesson."

Several years ago in a pre class conversation, one of my students, Peter Dzeierzanowski '82 (try to pronounce that) informed me that he had bought a "new" car. He proudly proceeded to show me some glossy photos of a fire engine red convertible 1976 Pontiac Bonneville that he purchased with \$2,000 of his hard earned money.

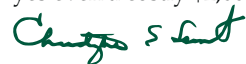
Two weeks later, I happened to ask Peter how his car was running. I was shocked when he abruptly stated, "The engine blew up, and I had to junk it." I commiserated with him about his loss and thought to myself, "Wow! Was that a costly mistake!"

Shortly thereafter, at a Parents Teacher Conference Peter's dad stopped to see me. After we discussed his son's work in my class, I concluded our conversation with "Sorry to hear about Peter's car." Mr. D: "Well, it didn't surprise me." CS: "What do you mean by that?" Mr. D: "I'm very knowledgeable about cars Mr. Servant, and I told Peter be careful about buying a used car strictly on appearance. The engine is what counts. He disregarded my help and advice, bought a car on "looks," and never really checked out the engine." CS: "I'm sorry to hear that." Mr. D: "Don't be sorry. It may have been the best \$5,000 mistake that Peter ever made," and then he turned and left.



I recall jousting with my wife over one of my son's poor Chemistry grade. I had exhausted myself with promptings for him to "work harder," and to "seek extra help." My wife concluded the conversation with "What's the worst thing that could happen? He fails, and he has to go to summer school, and that may be a lesson that he will never forget." My Type "A" personality didn't want to hear that, but in hind sight, she may have been right, and so to was Peter D's dad.

As parents, we spend a considerable portion of our lives trying to help our children avoid mistakes, and consequences. The key to helping a child grow and become a responsible adult, is often allowing them to make decisions and to live with the consequences of those decisions. Obviously, choices that could cause irreparable harm would not be prudent, but as parents, if we act reasonably and pray for God's insight - a "mistake" - yes even a costly \$2,000 one may be a lesson worth learning.



Christopher E. Servant '66

FROM MRS. ANN PERRY, VICE PRINCIPAL OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

WELCOME BACK!

I am very excited to start the 2010-2011 school year. It is always refreshing to start a new year and see everyone coming back well rested from the summer break. It is also great to see all the new faces, both students and teachers. It may take a while to learn all the new names and faces, but I am very much looking forward to welcoming the new members of our Feehan Family. Here's to a great school year!

TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

Bishop Feehan has made several shifts in the area of technology that will better prepare our students for the future. *Open Office* now is installed on all school computers. This suite of applications replaces *Microsoft Office* for word processing, spread sheets, presentations, and other productivity applications. *Open Office* is an open-source software offered by Oracle. This product is becoming more widely used by college students as it is available as a free download and it runs on all platforms. In addition, Bishop Feehan is no longer providing students with on-site file storage space. I spoke to all students on the first day of school about the need to develop a personal file management strategy. Many options exist, but I find that most students prefer carrying a personal flash drive or using online storage such as *Google Docs*. Ultimately, it is every student's responsibility to manage their own files, just as they would manage their notebooks, textbooks, backpack, and locker. Not being able to submit, retrieve, or print, a file is not an option in today's world, therefore students should also develop a strategy for backing up their files. In the case of technology failures (and they will happen), maintaining direct, open, and honest communication with the classroom teacher is always crucial to solving the problem.

REMINDER – EXCUSED PERSONAL ABSENCES OR EXTENDED MEDICAL ABSENCES

Every year I find it essential to remind parents and students about the special procedures in place to obtain permission for an excused personal absence. The same procedures apply to any non-emergency medical procedures that would result in an absence of more than one day. Parents may request approval for these absences by sending a signed note to the Vice Principal of Academics at least two days in advance of the anticipated absence. The student will receive a form to bring to all of his/her teachers, Guidance Counselor, and to the Attendance Office to obtain signatures and information about assignments that will be missed while the student is absent. Teachers will also indicate the student's current grade in the course. When all signatures are collected, the student must return the form to the Main Office. The completed form, along with the student's academic and attendance records, are reviewed by the Vice Principal of Academics, who then makes a determination as to whether or not to grant an excused absence. The administration reserves the right to deny requests for excused absences from students who have accumulated excessive absences or who are experiencing academic difficulties. **Please note that excused absences are not granted during the mid-year, final, or Advanced Placement examination periods.**

VACATION PLANNING

Requests to extend school vacations are strongly discouraged, as many assessments are planned immediately before and after vacation weeks. Extending vacation time puts your child in the difficult position of having to complete current work and makeup work at the same time. Vacation and exam weeks, as well as a tentative last day of school, are published on the school calendar. Since this is New England, and snow days are inevitable, please be overly cautious of making travel plans for the end of June.

EDLINE STATUS REPORTS

We have experienced great success in recent years with *Edline* status reports. We find that these reports are now the primary means of keeping parents and students informed of current academic status. Teachers post new *Edline* status reports every Monday, before 3:00 p.m. Some teachers post new status reports more frequently, especially if major grades were recently entered, or if there are quite a few grades in a short period of time. It is important to remember that *Edline* reports are a "snapshot" of a teacher's grade book. They are not "dynamic", meaning they do not change every time a teacher enters a new grade in their grade book. The report only changes when the teacher sends a new status report to *Edline*. If you want to receive notices of new postings, you must register your email address with *Edline*. This can be done on your "home" page under the "My Account" menu.

FIRST QUARTER REPORT CARDS

The first academic quarter ended on November 5, 2010. Report cards were issued in Homeroom on November 15. A signed copy of the report card must be returned to the Homeroom teacher before November 18.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

This year's induction for the Mercy Chapter of the National Honor Society took place on Wednesday, November 3. Sixty-five inductees were honored for their outstanding academic achievement. Missy Traversi, 2001 Feehan grad and Assistant Coach of the Harvard University women's basketball team was the keynote speaker for the evening. Congratulations to all the inductees!

WANTED: SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES

If you have a background in the sciences or mathematics please consider serving as a judge for our Annual Science Fair. Over 200 students participate in the fair and many hands make light work! This year's fair will take place on February 2, 2011, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Contact sciencefair@bishopheehan.com to volunteer or request more information.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Seniors **Viviana Hanley** and **Manasi Malik** are recent winners of 2010 National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards in Writing, noting them as being among the best student writers in the country. Viviana and Manasi are two of only 11 certificate winners in Massachusetts. It is rare for a

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high school to have one winner, let alone two! Congratulations to these exceptional young writers and to their English teachers for this outstanding achievement.

The Daughter's of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award is presented each year to the student who, in the opinion of faculty and staff, best exemplifies the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Congratulations to senior **Madeline Dodge**, this year's DAR recipient from Bishop Feehan High School.

Congratulations to senior **Manasi Malik**, who was named as a Semifinalist in the 56th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Manasi is one of only 16,000 students in the nation to receive this recognition and will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,400 National Merit Scholarships that will be offered next spring.

Eight Bishop Feehan High School seniors, **Justin Bedrosian, Lauren Bourassa, Meghan Casey, Sean Daly, Viviana Hanley, Jennifer MacLeod, Mason Sciotti, and Ellen Valley**, were recently named Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship Program. These commended students are recognized for their "exceptional academic promise" as demonstrated by their outstanding performance on their Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Thirty Bishop Feehan students recently received recognition for their exceptional achievement on the Advanced Placement Program® Exams. Senior **Viviana Hanley** achieved the status of AP Scholar for receiving scores of 3 or higher on three AP Exams.

AP Scholars from the Class of 2010 were: **Anisa Arsenault, Thanacha Choopojcharoen, Liam Doherty, Christopher Earle, Kelley Fischbach, Charlotte Hardenburgh, Matthew Lempitsky, Brendan Monroe, Dakota Rabbitt, Erin Regan, Katherine Rinaldi, Brigitte Sheerin, Jeffrey Thomas, and Jennifer Thomas.**

AP Scholars with Honor (average score of 3.25 or higher on all exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more AP Exams) from the class of 2010 were: **Samuel Dodge, Andrew Horton, Anthony Lombardi, Todd Lunter, Christina Roberti, and Thomas Romero.**

AP Scholars with Distinction (average score of 3.5 or higher on all exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more AP Exams) from the class of 2010 were: **Kendra Cheng, William Clerx, Kaila Dion, Elaine Martin, James McAllister, Ryan Post, Andrew Ross, Daniel Scannell, and Sean Singer.**

Additional congratulations to **Sean Singer** for achieving the rank of National AP Scholar. Sean received an average of at least 4 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of those exams.

GUIDANCE NEWS

A WELCOME TO NEW FEEHAN FAMILY MEMBERS

The Guidance Department has been meeting with the newest members of the Feehan family and helping them adjust to their new surroundings. The counselors have been holding group guidance appointments with their seniors to discuss the college application process. The group sessions have also included information on college application procedures, financial aid, college interviews and visits.

COLLEGE FAIRS

College Fairs were held in the Cafeteria during Period X on September 15 and 22. Over 100 colleges attended the fairs. Members of the junior class were also able to meet the college representatives and receive information about the college.

SENIOR PARENTS COLLEGE NIGHT

A Senior Parents College Night was held October 5 in the school Cafeteria. Brian Loew from Marist College was the guest speaker. Mr. Loew discussed the admissions process from the institutional point of view.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

A College Financial Aid Night will be held on November 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bishop Feehan Auditorium. A representative from MEFA (Massachusetts Educational Financial Authority) will be the guest speaker. This is a very informative evening and we recommend that you attend.

COLLEGE VISITS

We cannot express the importance of the college visitation to get a physical picture of the school. Students can get a feeling if this is the place they want to spend the next four years. The policy of Bishop Feehan is that a student may have three absences for college visits. The procedure is to notify Mr. Svendsen, Vice Principal of Student Life, of the absence/visit forty-eight hours in advance with a written note. The note needs to be signed by the student's counselor prior to giving it to Mr. Svendsen. Upon the students return to school, they must also bring in a note explaining their absence. Otherwise it will be treated as an unexcused absence.

PSAT AND IOWA TESTING

The freshmen, sophomore and junior classes took the Iowa Test on October 7 and 8 and the PSAT test on October 13. Results from the PSAT's will be available in early December.

COUNSELOR VISITS

Mr. Charron recently attended a National Association of College Admissions Counselors meeting in St. Louis from September 30 to October 2. Mr. Charron attended educational sessions that concentrated on keeping up with current trends in college counseling and guidance as it pertains to students, parents and counselors on how everyone works together to maintain networking at a progressive pace. Counselors from all across the country attended this workshop.

CAREER DAY

On October 28 Bishop Feehan hosted a Career Day for grades 10, 11, and 12. There were three 25 minutes sessions where professionals from the community described their occupation and the steps necessary to get to that level.

FROM MR. AL SVENDSEN, VICE PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT LIFE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW OFFICERS OF THE 2010–2011 SCHOOL YEAR

SENIOR CLASS

President: **Ryan Healy** Secretary: **Thomas Marcotte**
 Vice-President: **Kara Joyce** Treasurer: **Kaitlin Hill**

STUDENT COUNCIL

Seniors:

President: **Liam Firth**
 Vice-President: **Viviana Hanley**
 Homecoming Secretary: **Marie Atwill**
 Recording Secretary: **Taylor MacLeod**
 Treasurer: **Samuel Yoder**

Junior:

President: **Chad Benoit**
 Vice-President: **Jacquelyn Hardenburgh**
 Secretary: **Phillip Ciosek**
 Treasure: **Maxwell Dunbar**

Sophomore:

President: **Andrea Luongo** Secretary: **Alaina Corsini**
 Vice-President: **David Monti** Treasurer: **Lindsey Chou**

Freshman:

President: **Liam McLaughlin**
 Vice-President: **Alexandra Loungo**
 Secretary: **Elizabeth Biscoe**
 Treasurer: **Kyle Mahoney**

SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY

President: **Manasi Malik**
 Vice-President: **Kaitlin Hill**
 Secretary: **Erin Foley**

FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY

President: **Ryan Healy**
 Liaison: **Evan Lanctot**
 Vice-Presidents: **Chad Benoit, Richard Moschella**

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

President: **Sean Patrick Flanagan**
 Executive Board: **Kristen Drummey**
 Bryan Campbell
 Alex Doucette

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

President: **Viviana Hanley**
 Vice-President: **Colleen Scanlon**
 Secretary: **Taylor MacLeod**
 Treasurer: **Makayla Humphrey**
 Liaison: **Meghan Leavey**
 Tutoring Coordinator: **Manasi Malik**

DEBATE TEAM OFFICERS

Lynnette McLaughlin **Paul Darragh**

SADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meghan Leavey **Kara Howard**
Bayley Dietz **Rosemary Mulligan**
Karly Laliberte **Madison Elliott**
Britney Champagne

ONEFAN EXECUTIVE BOARD

Alan Anthony Daniel
Mary Katherine Runey

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 21 at 1:00 p.m.

JUNIOR RING MASS

On Saturday September 18 members of the junior class celebrated receiving their class rings with Mass celebrated by Father David Costa followed by a reception. This is truly a wonderful opportunity for our families to celebrate Eucharist at Feehan and delight in the blessing of the rings. Thanks to Lynn Gale and all the volunteers for a wonderful event.

DRIVING SCHOOL – TDA DRIVING ACADEMY

Bishop Feehan continues their partnership with Teachers Driving Academy (TDA). Students are able to take classes at Feehan after school and during school vacations. TDA offers pickup and drop off at home, work, or school. Driving lessons can be scheduled on-line and are offered seven days a week. TDA provides parents classes at no charge. The cost for the classes is \$80.00. Please refer to the Bishop Feehan website under Student Life to access more information.

ATTENDANCE

- If your child will be absent or late, please call school by 7:30 a.m.
- All students must have a note when they are returning to school from absence, or when they are late.
- A doctor's note is needed on a return from dismissal for a medical appointment. This must be brought to Room 212 upon return or first thing in the morning.
- Each student may have four absences for college visits. A written note, signed by the student's Guidance Counselor, must be presented to Room 212 at least forty eight hours in advance.
- Students must have their ID's with them at all times. Lost ID's will be replaced by the Attendance Office at a cost of \$10.00.

DRIVING IN AND OUT OF FEEHAN

Thank you for adapting so well to our new drop-off patterns in the morning. Everyone, especially our students who are driving, need to drive with extreme caution at all times. If you have a student who is driving to school please emphasize to them the importance of safe, courteous, and patient driving. Remember as the weather changes; please allow more time in the morning to make sure your son/daughter arrive on time.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Parents are advised of our strong recommendation that students who participate in athletics or any extracurricular activity should be enrolled in the optional accident insurance offered to our families. The cost is minimal and the benefits are significant should a student sustain a serious injury. The insurance is supplementary to the family's primary health insurance plan.

Claims under the supplementary plan must be filed within 90 days of an injury. It is suggested that should an injury occur that a claim be filed immediately with the optional insurance plan so the 90 day filing deadline will not be missed. It is not advisable

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to wait to receive the bills or wait for a determination of the extent of coverage by the primary health insurer. Sometimes bills build up slowly and services may be rendered over time. File a claim immediately after the injury so you do not lose out.

Claim forms are available through the Office of Student Life (room 212).

UNIFORMS

Please remember to review our uniform policy with your student. Girls' skirts must be 2 inches above the knee or have 7 bands of color. All collar buttons must be buttoned. Shoes are black or brown leather. All boys should be clean shaven every morning. Boys' haircuts must adhere to school policy. Any student not adhering to the uniform policy is subject to disciplinary action.

We have many uniform items in the Student Life Office that are available to any student or family who may have a need.

Any student who has an injury and is unable to wear the uniform must present a note to the school nurse, Mrs. Knight, in the morning before school. They will receive a permission slip that will be carried by them through the school day.

CLOSING OR DELAYS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Emergency school cancellations, delayed openings, or early dismissal, and other related information will be announced on radio stations WBZ (AM 1030), and WPRO (AM 630), as well as television stations WBZ (Channel 4-Boston), FOX 25, WLNE (Channel 6-Providence), WJAR (Channel 10-Providence) and WPRI (Channel 12-Providence). Information will also be sent through our SchoolReach system. Efforts will be made to post this information on www.bishopfeehan.com as well as the school's answering machine.

MATH TEAM

Congratulations to our math team, headed by Jacqueline Briant, who placed first in SMCML Math Meet held at Bishop Feehan on October 13. **Manasi Malik, John Garbuzinski, Lindsey Claus, and Christopher Kelly** were among the high scorers for their grades.

CO:PARENTING WITH GOD

For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting, and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

~ 1 Thessalonians 2:11

We are to love our children. Our love should be sincere and unconditional. It is not enough to simply say, "I love you." Our children must know that we love them. In spite of their faults and immaturity, our children should know without a doubt that we love them deeply. In spite of our faults and immaturity our children must know that we love them unconditionally. Unconditional love means that we will love them no matter our situation. Do not confuse love with appeasement. Love is not bought, bribed, or bargained, it is earned. Love is intentional and the result of time, understanding, and concern.

PRAYER

O Heavenly Father, I commend my children to Thy care. Be Thou their God and Father; and mercifully supply whatever is lacking in me through frailty or negligence. Strengthen them to overcome the corruptions of the world, whether from within or without; and deliver them from the secret snares of the enemy. Pour Thy grace into their hearts, and strengthen and multiply in them the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may daily grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; and so, faithfully serving Thee here, may come to rejoice in Thy presence hereafter. Amen.

CLASS OF 2014 GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents Lisa and David Ison with
their grandson **Brett Chatfield**



FROM MRS. CARLA TIRRELL, OFFICE OF CAMPUS MINISTRY

REFLECTION: "JESUS SAVES"

Seventy members of the Campus Ministry Board of Directors were recently honored with sterling silver pendants engraved with the phrase " IESUS SERVAT" , which is latin for "Jesus Saves". A generous local donor gave these to the students as a memorial to senior Larsan Korvili , who, in addition to his many leadership roles in the school, was a senior Campus Ministry officer.

The question of theological meaning arises each day for us as we wear these pendants. What does Jesus save us from today? For us this year, He is saving us from a life of darkness; void of love, void of meaning, and void of loving relationship with Him and others. Even in the midst of our pain, we must keep our eyes focused upon Him, who pours His grace into each moment and fills us with His peace and presence. He gives us the courage to go on, not dragging our feet in weariness, but racing ahead to be vehicles of light, hope and joy to a world that desperately needs a Savior. As we prepare to enter Advent this year, join us in remembering that Jesus came to be our Savior, our light, our peace, our comfort and our joy. He came into the world to lift our burdens and carry them for us. As He carries our burdens away, He gives us a purpose to carry for Him; to be His light to the world.

SANTA SHOP GIVING PROGRAM

Our fifteenth annual Christmas Giving Program will take place this year on Thursday, December 14. Each year we invite 200 families from the local Saint Vincent De Paul Chapters to attend a Christmas party at BFHS. The children visit with Santa, make Christmas crafts and play games with our students, while parents shop for Christmas toys, free of charge.

In the past years, the BFHS community has generously donated approximately 60,000 dollars worth of free new toys to the needy through this event. It's a great service learning opportunity, since the students are able to personally distribute the gifts they donated. This allows them the opportunity to develop relationships with those whom they are serving and thus a cycle of grace occurs.

Donations of new toys and refreshments are welcome. If you can assist in this way, or have any questions, please contact the Office of Campus Ministry at 508.226.6223 Ext. 139.

PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON D.C.

On January 23-25, 2011, students, faculty and parent chaperones will travel to Washington D.C. to attend the Pro-Life March, rally and prayer services. This trip focuses upon the sanctity of life at all stages and our identity as a priceless child of God. Bishop George Coleman will be at the events and will celebrate Mass for his Diocese on the trip.

YEARBOOK

ATTENTION PARENTS

Buy a Feehan Flashback yearbook for your Feehan student. It's easy! Go to www.yearbooksforever.com and type in Bishop Feehan. Click on the school name from the list that appears. In the next screen click on the green button to "make it yours". Simply follow the on screen instructions and reserve a yearbook for your child. The book will be delivered in the spring. Deadline for ordering a book is March 5, 2011. Be sure to reserve the memories of 2010/2011 for your child.

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

Place a "baby ad" for your graduating senior in the 2011 Feehan Flashback yearbook. This year the ads will be done online.

Parents will need to convert their baby pictures to digital form before visiting the web site. Hard copy snapshots can be converted to digital form at any drug store or office supply store that prints digital pictures.

- With your pictures in hand go to www.yearbooksforever.com and type in Bishop Feehan.
- Click on the school name from the list that appears. In the next screen select "baby ads" and click on the arrow.
- Follow the on-screen prompts and either upload your already designed ad (please check out sizes and prices on the website), or use a template developed by our yearbook publisher Walsworth.
- Ad pricing and instructions for uploading the photos are included on the web site.

To allow ample time for the design process the deadline for baby ads is **February 5, 2011**.

Please note: Seniors do not have to purchase a yearbook as this is included in their graduation fee.

If you have any questions, please e-mail randerson@bishopfeehan.com or sblott@bishopfeehan.com



FROM MR. PAUL O'BOY, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

WINTER SPORTS

Winter sports practices begin the Monday after Thanksgiving. Sports schedules and results may be accessed on highschoolsports.net, miaa.net and on our own bishopfeehan.com. Most directions to playing sites away from Bishop Feehan can be accessed through the MIAA web site indicated above with referral to opponent's school's web site.

In order to participate in athletics a student must have on file a certificate of fitness to participate issued by a physician. This certificate must be issued no earlier than 13 months prior to any athletic contest in which a student participates. This means that a student-athlete may become ineligible at some point during a season, should the 13 month period elapse. It would be prudent to make an appointment for an annual physical prior to the first athletic season in which the student wishes to participate during each academic year.

Finally we should all remember that athletics should be held as only a part of young peoples' education. In that regard it should be noted that 5 or 6 of every 100 high school athletes make a college team and less than 1 in 1,000 ever compete at any level of professional athletics.

REMINDER OF MIAA CHEMICAL HEALTH RULE

All student athletes are bound to the rules regarding drugs, alcohol, tobacco, steroids, or any controlled substance during the entire athletic year. Penalties are mandatory if a violation occurs, even out of season, from the very first day of fall practice until the close of the school year or the last school athletic activity, whichever occurs last.

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE 2010



FROM MRS. CINDY KNIGHT, SCHOOL NURSE

NEW TEXTING AND CELL PHONE LAWS

Massachusetts has become one of 30 states, plus D.C., to outlaw texting for all drivers. *The American Journal of Public Health* has concluded that: *Distracted driving is a growing public safety hazard. Specifically, the dramatic rise in texting volume since 2005 appeared to be contributing to an alarming rise in distracted driving fatalities.* If you are the parent of a teen driver you may want to preview video clips on YouTube. These video's are made in response to evidence which proves that 18-24 year olds' reaction times are 35% slower when reading or writing a text message, meaning that the effects are therefore potentially just as fatal as driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Warning: The contents may be disturbing. Adults should preview any video before showing it to their teen.

UNIFORM EXEMPTIONS

Accidents happen and resulting injuries are often treated with a variety of apparatuses (braces, casts, slings, ace bandages, crutches etc.). Occasionally, due to the bulk of a device being used to treat an injury (such as a knee brace), part of the uniform may not be practical. However, this is rare. For instance, being on crutches does not mean the student may wear a hooded sweatshirt instead of the school sweater! Nor does wearing an air cast or brace on one foot mean the student needs to wear a "flip-flop" on the other foot. In fact, wearing flip-flops or other "backless" shoes when on crutches is a serious safety hazard. If you have questions about the uniform under these circumstances, please contact Mrs. Knight at 508.226.6223 Ext.117.

MEDICATIONS

Students are not allowed to carry any medications (including over-the-counter medicines) unless there is a specific parent and physician consent on file. Any medications to be taken in school must be brought to the Nurse's Office in the original pharmacy container with the proper consents. If a student is required to carry an inhaler for asthma, please contact the nurse if you have not already done so. **If your child requires an EpiPen for a life-threatening allergy, it is important that the physician order and parental consent be on file (a new one every year).**

Ill students calling or "texting" parents for dismissal: Students are not allowed to call or text from cell phones while in school. If a student feels ill, he/she is to see the school nurse.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 11 Veterans Day - NO CLASSES
- 15 Report Cards Distributed
- 18 Peer Ministry Retreat
- 18 Signed Report Cards Due
- 21 Class of 2015, Open House - 1:00 p.m.
- 23 College Financial Aid Seminar - 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Thanksgiving Liturgy - 10:00 a.m.
- 24 Thanksgiving Holiday - Dismissal 11:30 a.m.
- 25 Thanksgiving Game Home vs. Randolph - 10:00 a.m.
- 25-28 Thanksgiving Recess
- 29 Winter Sports Seasons Open

DECEMBER

- 1 Professional Day - Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.
- 4 Class of 2015 - Entrance Exam - 7:45 a.m.
- 4 SAT's - Off Campus
- 6 Christmas Around the World - 2:30 p.m.
- 7 Advent Reconciliation Service - 9:30 a.m.
- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass
- 9 Parent/Teacher Conferences - 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 10 Fall Theater Production - 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Entrance Exam Makeup - 7:45 a.m.
- 11 Fall Theater Production - 7:00 p.m.
- 11 ACT's - Off Campus
- 12 Fall Theater Production - 2:00 p.m.
- 14 Santa Shop
- 16 Christmas Concert - 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Class of 2015 Applications Due
- 23 Christmas Assembly - 1:00 p.m.
- 12/24 Christmas Recess
- 1/2/11

JANUARY

- 3 Classes Resume - 7:40 a.m.
- 5 Debate - 3:00 p.m.
- 12 Debate - 3:00 p.m.
- 14 Reading Day - 11:30 a.m. Dismissal
- 17 Martin Luther King Day - NO CLASSES
- 18-21 Semester Exams
- 21 End of 2nd Quarter
- 22 SAT's - Off Campus
- 23-25 March for Life
- 27 Parent Information Scheduling Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 31 Report Cards Distributed
- 1/31 Catholic Schools Week
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