



# ALLEMAN NEWSLETTER

February 2010

## From the Principal's Desk

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week is January 31-February 6. Enclosed you will find a copy of the special events going on at Alleman High School during that week. There may be a late change or two, but most activities are set to go. Our gym will be rather full on the morning of February 1st when the 7th and 8th graders from Our Lady of Grace, Jordan and Seton join us for a special Catholic Schools Mass. Stop in if you have a mind to join us! Mass begins at 9:40 a.m.

### YEAR 2009 TUITION TAX CREDITS

For those of you who have been collecting receipts and other documents so that you may file your taxes early, please know that January is the month during which we prepare and distribute tuition/fee statements for tax purposes. The Tuition Tax Credit will again be a definite advantage for the 2009 tax year.



### REV. JOHN O'CONNOR SCHOLARS

Every semester Alleman awards "Rev. John O'Connor Scholar" certificates according to established criteria (Handbook, p.17). Soon after I sign those certificates, I visit every freshman religion class to give our new students some background about Fr. O'Connor, Alleman's first principal (1949-1967), about some of the challenges he faced in opening the school, and about how he set the tone for academic excellence at Alleman. Now freshman students can better understand the significance of striving to be a "Rev. John O'Connor Scholar."

### "SCHOOL REACH" VOICE MAIL MESSAGES FROM ALLEMAN

The new instant voice and email messaging system is a good thing for all of us. However, there is a learning curve for both school and home whenever something new is added to a school information system. That is especially true if the school sends a voice mail message to all parents during the school day. Some parents see "Alleman" on their cell phone screen or home phone display and immediately call our school office. Doing so floods the Main Office with calls when there is no emergency at hand. We understand that a worry may be the first thing you have in mind since schools do not often call during the day unless something has happened at school. However, if your phone indicates you have a voice message from Alleman, please listen to the message first. Typically, we are just keeping parents informed and there is no need to call the school. If you must call us, our voice message will include that direction.

## News from around the School

### JOHN LANCASTER SPALDING SCHOLARSHIP FUND GRANTS

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2010-2011 school year, for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are members of a Catholic Parish in the Diocese. All grants will be based on financial need, objectively assessed. Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria. The application deadline is February 15, 2010. Notification of grant awards will be made by mid-April. This is the same application that you use for applying for Tuition Assistance at Alleman. You need only complete the form once.

### SPRING PLAY ANNOUNCED

The Spring play for 2010 will be "Charlotte's Web" an ageless story of friendship and kindness. The play is adapted from the book of the same name by E.B. White and features all the characters of the book, including the pig Wilbur, his friend Charlotte, the spider and the rat Templeton. A cast of over 20 students directed by Alleman teacher Tom Swegle will entertain you at the three productions, which are scheduled for Thursday, March 4 at 7 PM, Saturday, March 6 at 7 PM, and Sunday, March 7 at 4 PM. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for students from kindergarten through twelfth grade. We hope to see all of you at the show.

### ACT PREP IN THE LIBRARY

The library has many materials for ACT Prep including guides from ACT, Princeton Review, and Kaplan as well as copies of previous ACT Tests. These materials are in the reference section of the library and are for in-library use only. Students wanting to use printed materials in the library may do so during their study halls without the required pass, as well as before and after school. The library opens at 7:30 a.m. and closes at 3:30 p.m. every day with the exception of Wednesday.

### MARCH FOR LIFE

Thank you to all for your support of our students who attended the March for Life this year. Nine of our students attended: William Olvera, Humberto Rodriguez, Silvia Rosales, Christa Lopez, Patricia Rios, Riley Pobanz, Katie Allen, Alison Graves and Miranda Perez. We thank them for their witness for **life!**

### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

If your son or daughter has been invited to apply for membership in the Alleman Chapter of the National Honor Society based upon his or her grade point average, you are invited to attend an informational meeting for parents and potential N.H.S. candidates. This meeting will be held in the Alleman cafeteria immediately after Open House at 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, January 31st. Mr. Jim Boudro, N.H.S. moderator, and Mr. Colin Letendre, principal, will be present to explain the selection process and to tell what is expected of National Honor Society members.

Parents of current N.H.S. members may also attend this meeting if they would like to become better informed about this extra-curricular activity.

### W.Y.S.E REGIONAL

On February 11th, 28 Alleman students will travel to Western Illinois University to compete in the WYSE Regional competition. WYSE is a yearly academic contest put on by the University of Illinois Department of Engineering and stands for Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering. Students compete in English, Math, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Graphics, and Programming. In the past 4 years, we have gone to state three times and we hope for another stellar season!

### ICTM COMPETITION

On February 20th, 24 Alleman students will participate in the ICTM regional math competition at Western Illinois University. This contest is given to students across the state and brings together the best math students from all over. Those with high enough scores will qualify for state. In the past 3 years we have sent part of our team to state. We are hoping to be able to send the whole team this year. ICTM stands for the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

### POST PROM VOLUNTEER PARENT MEETING

**Junior and Senior Parents;** We will be having an informal informational meeting on Monday, February 22nd in the Alleman cafeteria at 5:00 p.m. This meeting should not last more than one hour. Our hope is to get volunteers for the Post-Prom celebration. There are many areas that we will need help with and look forward to as much help as possible.

## Counseling Department News

### *Attention: Juniors*

The ACT will be given at Alleman on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration Packets are available in the Counseling Department, however, all Juniors will receive a packet on February 3<sup>rd</sup> in their Religion Classes. Also, you may register online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). Information that you need to know is **ACT Test Center code for Alleman is 174720 and the code for sending your scores to Alleman is 143720**. (Note: Registration Deadline is March 5, 2010. The Late Fee Registration is March 6<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> of which you will be charged an additional nonrefundable late fee.)

Alleman purchased a school license for a new resource available to students to help prepare for the ACT. It is the **ACT Prep Online Tool**. Any student can access from any computer with access codes and passwords assigned to them. Juniors will receive their individual codes in their English Class. Freshman, Sophomores and Seniors may obtain them in the Counseling Department if they have not already received them by one of their classroom teachers.

### *Class of 2014 – Incoming Freshman*

*(2010-2011 school year)*

Incoming freshman parent information night is scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Performing Fine Arts Center. Incoming freshman registration is Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 2:45 p.m. in the Alleman Cafeteria (by appointment).

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### *Senior Parents*

Melissa Flowers is a mentor through the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) for Alleman High School. ISAC is the state agency who administers most of the key financial aid programs in Illinois. She has visited Alleman and has talked to several seniors about this. She is available to help any Senior and their Parents with any help they might need applying for College and/or filling out the FAFSA form. Check the website for contact information for Melissa under “College Planning” on the site bar, and dates that Melissa will be available at Alleman High School for students to visit with her during their study hall periods.

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*Visit the  
Counseling Website  
For current news posted daily----*

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Click on: “Academics”

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## News from the Athletic Director

Our Alleman website ([www.allemanhighschool.org](http://www.allemanhighschool.org)) continues to improve with each school year proving to be a very good source of information. On the Athletic side we intend to keep you informed about events and to simply provide more information where we can.

We've now included frequently used school forms. Both the Insurance Waiver & Physical form are now available in an easy to print format. We'll continue to provide directions and other information that can be helpful or interesting.

Believe it or not some of our Spring Sports have already started! On Sunday, March 14th we'll have team pictures starting at 3:00 p.m. and then Meet the Pioneers at 5:00 p.m. in the Morris gym.

Our Athletic Department is here to help so don't hesitate to contact us.

**GO PIONEERS!**

## From The Development Office

Please support Alleman by participating in one or more of the remaining fundraisers listed below:

- ***Dream House 2010*** - Only 3500 shares sold, with a 1 in 140 chance of winning a prize! ***This year's grand prize is a Quarter of a Million dollars - \$250,000!*** To further enhance the drawing, I'm adding "February Frenzy" to the raffle. I will have three Early Bird Drawings, at \$1000 each, in February on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Get your share soon and be eligible for the February Frenzy.
- ***Cookie Orders*** – Remember your son or daughter with a 13" decorated cookie. Place your orders through the Development Office. Cost \$10.
- ***2010 Heritage Ball*** – Mark your calendars and plan to attend March 27, 2010 at the I-Wireless Center.
- ***Remember Alleman in Your Will*** – or give a planned gift of life insurance, or name Alleman as a beneficiary in your IRA.
- ***If anyone is able to help us financially*** – we are planning a new front entrance to improve access and security of the school during the day and to provide a more convenient drop off/pick up area for parents. Whatever you are able to do will greatly help us. You can call the Development Office for more information. Much, much thanks you wonderful people of Alleman!

Thank you to everyone who remembers Alleman through memorials in the name of your loved ones. A Charitable Gift Annuity – insurance policy – is also a great way to remember Alleman. Please call the Development Office for more information.

To the parents of incoming freshmen, thank you for sending your students to Alleman. We will continue to provide a quality Catholic education which prepares your student with the moral values he/she needs to be successful in life. Tuition assistance is available. If you have financial concerns, please contact our business manager, Dave DeJaegher.

Love and Bless You Always,  
Fr. Mirabelli