



ALLEMAN NEWSLETTER

February 2012

From the Principal's Desk

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week is January 29-February 3. 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 January 30th when the 6th, 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 2011 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 2011 tax year.

IHSA TEAM ACADEMIC AWARD

In 2009 Alleman first participated in the IHSA Team Academic Award program. This program recognizes sports teams whose members maintain at least a 3.0 team grade point average during their entire sport season. [Weighted grades may not be calculated at a higher GPA level for this program.] Last year, 17 of 17 Alleman sports teams earned this distinction! Congratulations to the fall sports teams who earned the 3.0 average: football, boys cross country, girls cross country, girls tennis, boys golf, girls golf and volleyball. The team academic award plaque is in the trophy case outside the athletic office.

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 the freshman 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."

BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW.....

Every class period begins with prayer.

Peek in a room and see/hear variety:

- Teacher leading
- Student leading
- Traditional prayer
- Special Intentions
- Christian Music
- Prayer in French or Spanish
- Bible verses

Some of Mrs. Miner's religion students made Christmas cards for prisoners as an Advent Project. Students in Mrs. Thompson's math classes looked forward to receiving Christmas cards from fifteen different states from Florida to Idaho and eleven countries from Finland to Argentina.

Financial Snapshot

For many months now the Diocese of Peoria—and, locally, your four Catholic schools—have been researching and analyzing school budgets and the traditional funding of our schools. The goal is to find the best funding model to ensure that our Catholic schools will remain financially secure far into the future. It has been a long process, culminating in a report, “Funding the Mission of Catholic Education,” presented to administrators and representative school trustees on December 13, 2011. On the way to this report it became clear to our school trustees that we need to place more information about our school revenues and expenses before our school families.

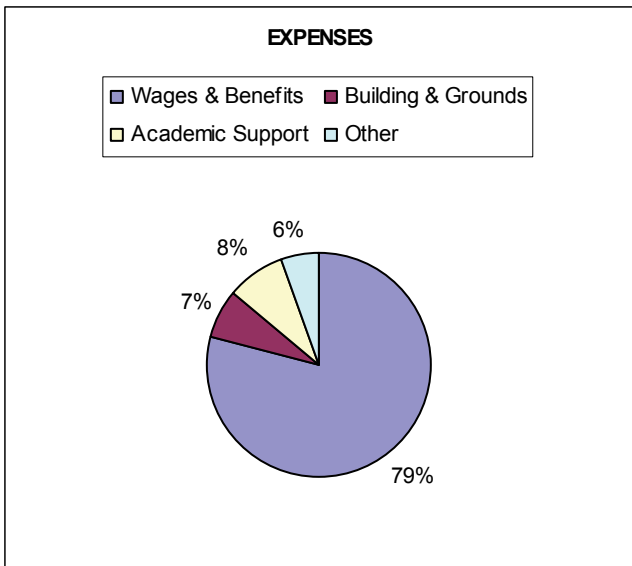
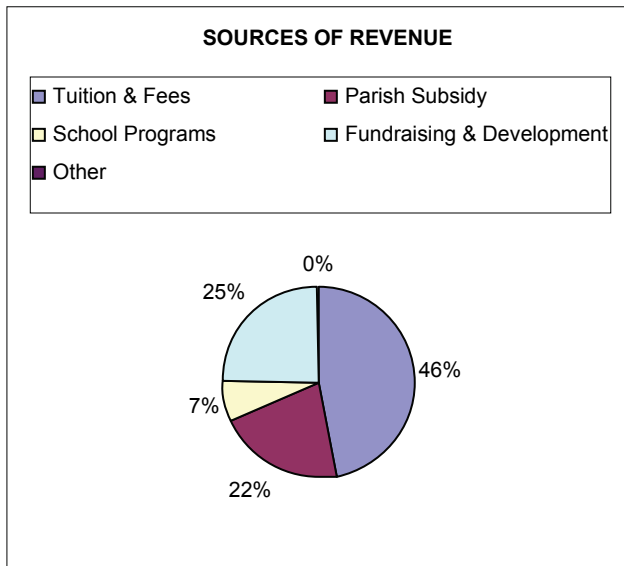
With this January newsletter we will begin doing just that. Each month for the next several months you can look forward to learning a little bit more about school finances. Every school family makes financial sacrifices to meet the cost of tuition in Catholic schools. We think you will appreciate knowing where the tuition dollars go and how much development, fundraising and parish support are part of the mix. Along the way we will also share a few fun facts about some of the good stuff going on in and around our schools. Don’t forget to check out the 2010-2011 Annual Report on our website.

Alleman High School Income (2010-2011)

Revenue Sources	Amount	Percent
Tuition & Fees	\$1,297,700	46%
Parish Subsidy	\$ 600,000	22%
School Programs	\$ 185,400	7%
Fundraising/Dev.	\$ 688,900	25%
TOTAL	\$2,772,000	100%

Alleman High School Expenses (2010-2011)

Expenses	Amount	Percent
Wages & Benefits	\$2,186,200	79%
Building & Grounds	\$ 196,800	7%
Academic Support	\$ 229,000	8%
Other	\$ 155,200	6%
TOTAL	\$2,767,200	100%



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 2012-2013 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, 2012. 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 Alleman Drama Department is pleased to announce that the spring play "Up the Down Staircase" will be performed on March 1 and 3 at 7 PM and on March 4 at 4 PM. The play, directed by Alleman teacher Tom Swegle, tells the story of a new teacher, Sylvia Barrett, at a high school in New York City. It features a cast of 30 students: Sylvia: Emily Becker; Bea: Katie Allen; Paul: Patrick Ewald; McHabe: Erik Mickiewicz; Ella: Bri Vyncke; Frances: Mackenzie Kelly; Charlotte: Anna Van Waardhuizen; Bester: Carter Dailey; Sadie: Brittany Raz; Ellen: Logan Titus; Lou: Nick West; Lennie: Tyler James Allen; Carole: Chelsea Mentado; Vivian: Alee Sebben; Rusty: Jake Bain; Linda: Mckenna VanMeighem; Jose: Daniel Ortega; Carrie: Sofia Serrano; Harry: Garrett Larsen; Jill: Anna Parkinson; Rachel: Abbie Kelly; Elizabeth: Jen Vyncke; Charlene Aarons: Maddie Marxen; Joe Ferrone: Brandon Zhou; Alice: Lauren VanSpeybroeck; Helen: Sydney Phares; Francine: Claire Dodson; Katherine Wolzow: Melanie Graff. Be sure to watch for the March newsletter so you can read more specific details.

Meanwhile, please mark the performance dates on your calendar and start saving your pennies as the cost of admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, and \$4 for students kindergarten through 12th grade.

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 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 29th. N.H.S. moderators 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 9th, 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, Engineering, and Computers. In the past 6 years we have gone to state 5 times culminating in our 8th place finish at state, the first time Alleman has made it into the top ten. With hard work we hope our success continues!

ICTM COMPETITION

On February 25th, 24 Alleman students will participate in the ICTM regional math competition held at Western Illinois University. This contest brings together the best math students from across the state. Those with high enough scores will qualify for state. The past two years Alleman has qualified for state, something not done in over 20 years. ICTM stands for Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

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, 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.

Counseling Department News

Attention: Juniors

The ACT will be given at Alleman on April 14th. It is important that every student wishing to take the ACT register online at www.act.org. All Juniors will receive information about the ACT test and how to register on February 2nd in their Religion Classes. When registering online - 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 9, 2012. The Late Fee Registration is March 10th – 23rd 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 2016 – Incoming Freshman (2012-2013 school year)

- Incoming freshman parent information night is scheduled for Sunday, February 26th at 4:00 p.m. in the Performing Fine Arts Center.
- Incoming freshmen registration is Wednesday, February 29th beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Alleman Cafeteria (by appointment).

Registration for 2012/2013 School Year

Registration for the 2012/2013 school year is scheduled to begin February 2nd. The Counselors will address registration to students in their Religion Classes. All registration forms and \$25 payment are due in the Counseling Office February 9th. Students may return them earlier to the Counseling Office or the Counselors will pick them up in the Religion classrooms on February 9th.

NOTE: All registration forms, signed by the student and parent along with the \$25.00 registration fee must be turned in no later than February 10, 2012.

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

Go to: www.allemanhighschool.org

Click on: "Academics"

Click on: "Counseling"

Click on: "Counseling Website"

On Sidebar – under "Home"

Click on: # 2. "Current Counseling News"

News from the Athletic Director

Check out our Alleman website (www.allemanhighschool.org) – on the Athletic side we intend to keep you informed about events and simply provide more information where we can. In addition to schedules and rosters, it now includes Athletic forms, transportation schedule, IHSA information, Hall of Fame, Booster Club updates, school and conference records, links on topics of interest, and more.

Alleman is in the 3rd year of participating in the IHSA Team Academic Award program, which recognizes TEAMS who maintain a GPA of 3.0 and above during their respective season. For our 2011 Fall season the following teams earned this honor...Football, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Girls Tennis, Boys Golf, Girls Golf and Volleyball. Congratulations to all our student-athletes!

GO PIONEERS!

Steve Smithers

From The Development Office

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

- ***Dream House 2012*** - 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!*** I will have three more Early Bird Drawings, at \$500 each, in February 3, 17, and 29. The little ole priest really needs your help! If you are able to buy a share, I will be forever indebted to you. Get your share soon and be eligible for the early bird drawings and all the drawings on March 31. Much, much thanks for helping Alleman. I do not know what the little ole priest would do without your help.
- ***Cookie Orders*** – Remember your son or daughter with a 13” decorated cookie. Place your orders through the Development Office. Cost \$10.
- ***2012 Heritage Ball*** – Mark your calendars and plan to attend March 31, 2012 at the I-Wireless Center. You will greatly enjoy “Here’s to the Night.” It will be a wonderful time if you come. Or, if you can help by donating a gift to be auctioned off at the Ball, please contact the high school.
- ***Remember Alleman in Your Will*** – or give a planned gift of life insurance, or name Alleman as a beneficiary in your IRA.

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

Each of your students is extra-special to us - made in the image and likeness of god - a true “masterpiece.”

High Five Award Winners

During Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate National Student Appreciation Day. This is an opportunity for us to recognize the determination of those students who have raised their GPA at least .05 since the last semester grading period. We present these students with a special certificate and a candy bar from the Alleman Bookstore. Freshmen who have raised their GPA by .05 from first quarter to second quarter are recognized at this time as well. We continue to be excited about this award (started in 1996) because any student can earn it. It is not for top academic achievers only, but for any student who wishes to strive for the next higher rung. Congratulations to this year's High Five Award Recipients!

SENIORS

Mamadou Barry
 Matt Barszczewski
 Charles Caldwell
 Sydney Cusack
 Kurt Foley
 Madelyn Jackson
 Corey
 Martinez-Garcia
 Amanda Meegan
 Hannah Nelson
 Esmeralda Sanchez
 Grant Slater

JUNIORS

Ethan Adlfinger
 Allison Bjork
 Anne Bohnert
 Joshua DeJonghe
 Thomas Fieweger
 Casey Flack
 Joshua Green
 Calvin Holmes
 Briahna Holst
 Adam Hoogerwerf
 Elizabeth Hoogerwerf
 George Humphrey
 Connor Kolls
 Madeline McGuire
 Brady McKeown
 Adam Mendoza
 Chelsea Mentado
 Eric Neiryneck
 Avery Nelson
 Joseph Philibert
 Kyle Pribble
 Lauren Randleman
 Scott Schilb
 Emma Taylor
 Alejandro Terronez
 John Tracey
 Cameron Vetter

SOPHOMORES

Karli Anderson
 Nick Arvanitis
 Michael Barnett
 Bryce Belock
 Zachary Clark
 Alexis Cook
 Bailey Cortez
 Joseph Cross
 Tom Cross
 Shannon Cusack
 Michael David
 Aleksander Diab
 Colin Dismer
 John Connor Doak
 Anna Dobbela
 Spencer Durham
 Julia Ebelt
 Lauren Fout
 Andrew Fox
 Charles Garrett
 Biridiana Hernandez
 Cynthia Hernandez
 Kristen Highfill
 Martinelli Holmes
 Matthew Hubbell
 Chloe Jackson
 Laura Kakert
 Anthony Kavanaugh
 Marcus Keimig
 Alexandra Kerr
 Nicholas Lewis
 Marisa Lopez
 Emy Lutcha
 Kyle Malcolm
 Mark McLaughlin
 Joseph Mihm
 Brian Miner
 Maggie Murphy
 Aaron Murray
 Alison Noe
 Ted Mathew Nuguid
 Kevan O'Hanlon
 Kevin O'Keeffe
 Lauren Patting
 Henry Peiffer
 Evan Ramsay
 Brittany Raz
 Andres Rosas
 Mackenzie Sanchez
 Quintin Sebben
 Matthew Sheets
 Miguel Sierra
 Peter Stock
 Alexis Sutton
 Mary Kim Tadda
 Stephen Thomer
 Natalie Trujillo

Matt VanLandegen
 Mercedes VanOpdorp
 Lauren
 VanSpeybroeck
 Timothy Vick
 Travis Wall
 Anna Wetherell
 Samuel Woeber
 Betsy Zahringer

FRESHMEN

Isabelle Anderson
 Jacob Bain
 Benjamin Barrett
 Claire Benisch
 Addison Broemmer
 Harrison Bush
 Molly Chambers
 Jeffrey Clark
 Hanna Coene
 Theodore Contreras
 Morgan Cusack
 Connor Darrow
 Tommy Davies
 Jalen Davis
 Michael Do
 Phuc Do
 Audrey Ferkel
 Lexi Ferrari
 Samuel Gelski
 Austin Gonzalez
 Olivia Gonzalez
 Wesley Graham
 Theodore Grevas
 Daria Guzzo
 Gunnar Haskins
 Reid Hillyer
 Michaela Hird
 Anthony Hoang
 Emily Hoffman
 Brady Hoskins
 Madison Hugart
 Justice Humphrey
 Sarah Hunter
 Austin Johnson
 Daniel Kaschke
 Abigail Kelly
 Samuel Kelly
 Kadie Klauer
 Andrew Lekowski
 David Lommell
 Denise Lommell
 Dalton Love
 Madison Marxen
 Elizabeth Mitton
 Jesse Molina
 Sterling Mower
 Kier Murphy
 Alexandra Newenham
 Samuel Olvera
 Vincent O'Meara
 Jacob Orth
 Jesus Ortiz
 Kienen Otto
 Sydney Phares
 Shelby Ponder
 Sydney Ruggles
 Samuel Schaecher

Mitchell Schissel
 Jacob Schoeck
 Claire Schroeder
 Alexandria Serra
 Talia Snider
 Dakota Stout
 Ashley Tholl
 Julia Thomer
 Molly Thompson
 Sarah Van Hoe
 Andrew Vogel
 Brianna Vyncke
 Isabel Watts
 Nicholas West
 Brady Wilkerson