



ALLEMAN NEWSLETTER

November 2011

From the Principal's Desk

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

On behalf of the Alleman faculty and staff, I extend to you our most sincere wishes for a happy and peaceful Thanksgiving. Safe travel to all of you who will be on the road or in the air. May God bless you! Here's a thought for the holiday from W.T. Purkiser (1910-1992) *"Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them is the true measure of our thanksgiving."*

DON'T BE TARDY FOR AN EXAM

First semester finals are on December 16, 19, 20 & 21. If a student is late for whatever reason on one of these days, he/she should report to the Main Office and then go quickly to the classroom and begin taking his/her final. Time missed can not be made up for an ordinary tardy. If a student is very late, he/she may have to return in the afternoon of that day to make up the exam. A student who is late to school and chooses not to report to his teacher for the final, forfeits the opportunity to take the final. Students should never assume that they can just take the exam later because they were not in the room when everyone else started the test. The best course of action is to plan ahead so as not be late.



ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS: BACCALAUREATE SENIOR AWARDS AND GRADUATION

If you are planning year end celebrations and family get-togethers for senior students, remember that the senior awards program takes place in church immediately after the Baccalaureate Mass. Senior farewell Mass will still be held at Alleman in the morning during the week before finals. However, recognition of award recipients will take place immediately after Baccalaureate Mass. Also, graduation for the class of 2012 will be Sunday afternoon, May 27th at 1:00 p.m. in Centennial Hall on the Augustana College campus.

WHAT DOES THAT TEXT MEAN?!

Teens use lots of text message shorthand. That's not a bad thing in itself given the nature of text messaging. However, some of the acronyms teens use could indicate topics you don't want them messaging about (GYPO = Get your pants off) while other shorthand tries to redirect the electronic conversation because a parent is near (PIR = Parent in Room). For an exhaustive list of internet terms and messaging acronyms, check out www.netlingo.com. There you can search alphabetically by word or acronym.

News from around the School

DISCOUNT CARDS CAN SAVE YOU MONEY (A fundraiser for Student Hunger Drive)

If you shop or eat out at various area businesses, our students can save you money!! There are discount cards that give you a range of discounts at 21 area businesses. They cost only \$10.00 and can be used as many times as you like for the next year (expires 9/30/2012). Businesses include: Belgian Village Inn, Governor's, Batteries Plus, Happy Joe's Coal Valley & Milan, Pizza & Subs, Café Fresh, Water Park Car Wash, Flowers by Staacks, Subway, Big League Barbers, Olde Towne Bakery, River House Bar & Grill, Cup A Jo, Happy Joe's Moline, Hardees, Papa John's Pizza, Little Rangoon, Taco John's, Clint's Pizza, St. Giuseppe's Pizza, and Adolph's Moline & East Moline. If you are interested in purchasing a card to help support the Student Hunger Drive, please contact any student or come to the Main Office.

Booster Club News

A big thank you to all of our parents who helped with the football concessions this Fall. We could not do it without you!

Next meeting will be November 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Information from Yearbook Staff

SENIOR PICTURES

All senior pictures for the yearbook must be taken at Westin Photo Studio. Please call 762-3326 for an appointment. A reminder to senior students that the proper dress code for these pictures is as follows: Deadline is December 16, 2011.

Gentlemen: Formal wear
You must wear a tie—No sweater
No earrings
Appropriate hair cut

Ladies: Formal wear
No sweaters—Shoulders covered
No low cut front on dress
Earrings—max. 2 in each ear

SENIOR PARENTS

If you would like to include a baby picture with a short message to your graduating senior to be published in this year's Yearbook, here is the offer. Please submit an inexpensive photo (no larger than 4x6) with a personal message and \$50.00. You may pay with check or cash. Checks should be made payable to Alleman Yearbook.

Please submit all to Sister Ruth through the Main Office. Deadline for this offer is December 16, 2011.

Sister M. Ruth



From The Development Office

There are many ways you can continue to support Alleman throughout the school year. They include:

- *2012 Pioneer Calendar Sale* – Every student is asked to sell 5 calendars. All students benefit from this fundraiser, as it allows Alleman to keep our tuition at a reasonable rate. This is our 28th year for the calendar sale – we are most blessed to have your support
- *All Souls Memorial* – Remember your loved ones at all daily Alleman masses during the month of November. Their names will be placed on the altar and remembered at Mass. You are welcome to attend Mass at 7:25 in the Alleman Chapel.
- *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! Buy your share before the third Early Bird Drawing for \$1000 on November 18, and all of the early-bird drawings.
- *Cookie Orders* – Remember your son or daughter with a 13” decorated cookie. Place your orders through the Development Office. It's a big hit with the students. Cost \$10.
- *2012 Heritage Ball* – Mark your calendars and plan to attend March 31, 2012 at the I-Wireless Center.
- *Please 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 all who supported Alleman this summer through the Birdies for Charity program – your gifts helped improve the little ole school. Thank you to all of you who contributed to the Chapel Renovation. If you have a chance, stop by the school to see the beautiful new home for our Lord. Also, for those who will be attending the Holiday Luncheon – your gifts help our tuition assistance fund!

Without the Development Office, tuition would have to increase by another \$1250. Every student benefits from all of the Development Office activities. Together, we can ensure that our students receive a “*higher level of education*” – an education second to none!

A blessed and thankful Thanksgiving to you and all of your loved ones!

God Bless,
Fr. Mirabelli

Attention all Students and Parents

IMPORTANT Information on the Alleman Counseling Webpage

Visit our Alleman High School Counseling Webpage.

Go to www.allemanhighschool.org

Click on Academics

Click on Counseling website

Information you can click on at the Sitemap:

Counseling Department Information – Information about the department and the Counselors and their contact information. Current Counseling News, Drivers Education, Job Opportunities, Standardized Tests, Awards for Juniors to Consider and later in the spring, information on Graduation can be found.

Alleman Profile – Information about Alleman that is sent out with all transcripts to Colleges/Universities.

College Representatives Visiting Alleman – Representatives that will visit Alleman High School are listed daily. Check out to see what Colleges are coming to visit any Junior or Senior interested in that particular College. Students **must sign-up at least 24 hours** in advance of the visit and obtain a pass from Mrs. Miller in Counseling Office.

College/University Requirements

College Campus Visits – Information about students planning on going to visit a College - the procedure for a student to obtain a College Visit Pass. It is extremely important that a student obtains this pass as soon as they have planned a College Visit. All information must be obtained and secured no later than 3 school days prior to the visit.

College Information – Information about ACT – how soon and how often a student should take the ACT; FAFS; Financial Aid Facts; top 10 College Application Mistakes; College vs High School; Illinois Student Assistance Commission – Samantha Pelkey contact info.

College Nights – Information when Alleman and area Colleges will have College Nights for you and your student to attend.

College Prep “To Your College Future” – Information for Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior years preparing for College; A college preparation timeline; reasons to take challenging courses; as well as Reading Skill Tips.

College Scholarships – Scholarships, that Alleman receives, are posted as soon as Alleman receives them. They are also read periodically in the English classroom. It is the student’s responsibility to contact information either in the Alleman Counseling Department or the printed website about any interested scholarships.

College Websites – We have listed some of the College websites for anyone to visit with a direct link to that website. The Colleges listed are the most used by Alleman students.

Resources – These are direct links to some College resources that we receive for useful information about College.

Occupational – Brown Bag Lunches – students can visit with a person in the field that they are interested in during their lunch periods. All dates and information will be updated as soon as occupational professionals are secured.

Counseling Department News Continued...

Registration – *Information on Registration for the following school year; Dual Credit Classes; Summer camps at Alleman --- all information is updated as the Counseling Office receives it.*

Summer Workshops – *As we receive information on “Summer Workshops”, we will post the information for anyone to obtain.*

NOTE: Visit the Counseling Website often as new and important information will be listed on a daily basis. Also, in future Alleman newsletters, we will refer to the Counseling Website for most of the Counseling information. Any questions, contact the Alleman Counseling Department, 786-7793, ext 414.

Attention Parents of Senior Students – College Application Deadline

As a Reminder: Applying to colleges is becoming more and more competitive. Therefore, early application to the colleges of your student’s choice is important. Many of the Illinois State Universities have early priority deadlines after which names will be placed on a wait list. Applications to colleges/universities other than these should be sent before we leave for Christmas break. **Remember to be find out if the college/university needs a transcript sent from Alleman for your application to be complete. If the college/university requires a transcript be sure to request one from the Counseling Office by December 16. We can only guarantee transcripts will be sent out before Christmas if they are requested before December 16.** Keep in mind that 85% of college freshman classes are admitted by early application. Not only does early application help with admission, but also with housing and scholarships. If you have any questions about the college application process, please contact your student’s counselor.

Seniors -- Black Hawk College Dual Credit Classes

Anyone taking Dual Credit courses through Black Hawk College, when filling out your college application, it is important that you indicate on the application that you are attending the Dual Credit classes for High School and for College credit. The following are the codes that need to be used:

Psychology 101

History 252 – US History Since 1865

Speech 101

Music Appreciation 154

If you have already sent in your application and did not indicate this on your application and/or had the wrong class code, you need to let that college know about this. At the completion of the Dual Credit course, students must request an official transcript from Black Hawk College to be sent to the college of their choice in addition to the official transcripts sent from Alleman. Any questions, be sure to see someone in the Counseling Office.

ISAC – Illinois State Scholar Program

- To be considered for the Illinois State Scholar Program, students who will graduate in 2011 and after must take one of the scheduled ACT exams during their **first or second semester of their Junior year**.
- ACT scores are automatically reported to ISAC. Students must designate their high school code (**Alleman’s code is 143720**) on the ACT exam in order for the student’s name to appear on his/her high school’s rosters.

For detailed information about eligibility for the Illinois State Scholar Program and to learn more about the process, students can refer to the appropriate Zone (i.e. Student) of collegezone.com

28th Annual Calendar Sale

The only ALL School Fundraiser
is now underway!

In order to keep tuition costs as affordable as possible, the Development Office raises more than \$625,000 each year. This helps to defray education expenses **for each student** by some \$1,350. One of our fundraisers is the Pioneer Calendar Sale. This is the only all school fundraiser. Every student has been asked to sell five calendars. Please ask your student to bring them home. All I ask is that you at least try to sell the calendars. The calendars sell for \$25 each and the purchaser has the opportunity to win a minimum of \$50 each day during 2012. That is less than 7 cents per day and you can win more than once.

Your student must return all unsold calendars to the Development Office or the family will be billed for them. If you need more calendars, please stop by the Development Office.

There are lots of incentives for the students to sell those calendars. For every five calendars a student sells, he/she will receive \$10 at the end of the drive. If he/she turns in all 5 sold calendars by November 11th, they will also receive an Alleman t-shirt and their name will go in the drawing for a chance to win BIG MONEY if we reach our goal. We can not do it without you! Please—sell those calendars.

Contact the Development Office at 786-8661 with any questions.