

DeTales

April 2008

LIVING OUR FAITH

APRIL 08 JUNIOR RETREAT

This April our Juniors will participate in a unique retreat experience. The focus of the retreat is on the Catholic Church's social justice teaching on poverty, which asks the question: "How are the most vulnerable members of our society doing?"

Our Juniors will be introduced to what is known as a "mini-urban plunge." The students will be transported by school bus or van to a local service agency where they will volunteer their time and talent to the needs of that particular organization. There are 11 sites including Holy Rosary St. John community kitchen, the JOIN office, Shepherd's Corner, and the St. Vincent DePaul Society Shop. This retreat is being coordinated through the Diocesan Office of Social Concerns. Erin Cordle and Jerry Freewalt will prepare the Juniors for their day-long "journey" as well as process their experience when they return.

Through their Theology class, each Junior will be assigned a particular retreat day: either April 21, April 22 or April 24. Teachers, campus ministers, administrators and parents will accompany them on their retreat.

The format of the retreat is to begin with prayer and preparation in the Chapel, followed by a sending off to the various sites, returning to the school Chapel around 2:15 to share their experiences and conclude with a prayer service.

If you would like to volunteer your services, either as a chaperone/driver or as a sub for a teacher who is out on one of the retreat days, please call the school office to let us know.

Thank You

It is difficult to express in words our sincere gratitude at the outpouring of support from the DeSales family throughout Ian's illness. As alumni, we are not surprised that DeSales students, parents, staff and administration have stepped up in such a charitable and caring manner, and as members of this faith community, we are humbled that the Lord would use our situation as an opportunity to witness faith in action. Thank you to everyone who brought meals, sent cards, who visited Ian in the hospital and at home during treatment, and to everyone who has left messages of encouragement on the caringbridge.org website (site name: ianmichael). DeSales is truly blessed to have Mr. Garrick as a leader and we are deeply thankful for him going above and beyond the duties as Principal to help our family during this time; he truly cares for his students. Above all, thank you for the fervent prayers that have sustained our family. Please continue to pray for Ian as he moves forward. He will be back at school this fall. We would like to encourage everyone to get involved in the DeSales Relay for Life. Cancer is a devastating disease and your support of cancer awareness programs such as the Relay can and does make a difference.

God bless,

The Richards Family

Karen, Roger, Collin, Ian, Hanna, Sarah,
Emma and Leah

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In Memory of Jim Schmall: April 6, 2008 marked the one year anniversary of the death of Jim Schmall, class of 2001. The Schmall family would enjoy hearing stories and anecdotes about their beloved Jim from his former classmates and friends. If you have a story that you would like to share, you can mail it to: Jill and Mike Schmall 5424 Rockwood Rd. Columbus, OH 43229 or you can email your stories to ccook@cducation.org and they will be passed along to the family.

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The virtue of humility touches and attracts the Heart of God more than all others.

~St. Francis DeSales

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Principal's Corner

Dear Friends:

As you sit down to read this edition of DeTales we are several weeks into the spring season; moreover, we have officially entered our fourth and final academic term for this school year. In many ways this does not seem plausible; however, when you take a moment to reflect on the fullness of the year to date it puts things into a clear context.

Upon our return from our celebration of Easter I shared with the students and staff that we were about to enter the stretch run for this year. With this in mind I encouraged all in our community to be consistent with the outstanding efforts and focus that have been exercised to this point in our calendar. But perhaps of even greater importance I encouraged everyone to take advantage of the opportunities that will present themselves in upcoming weeks to demonstrate our appreciation for both our individual and community gifts.

It seems to me that the best way that we can accomplish this is by working at our optimum capacity. While the weather has thankfully changed for the better and there will be greater competition for our attention and time it is important that we fulfill our obligations to our faith, family, friends, school, and work.

In the upcoming weeks our school community will be provided with several chances to pay tribute to our young people through traditional award celebrations and graduation. And there is little doubt that those who will be recognized in this manner are deserving; however, I would request that as we enter this time of joy and celebration that we remain humbly grounded with the fundamental understanding that it is through God's grace and individual diligence that such accomplishments are possible.

In closing, as we move through this very active time in our school year please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or need any assistance as you bring closure to the year. It is my sincere hope that I have the opportunity to see many of you at our Annual Relay for Life on May 3rd. In the meantime may all of you be blessed with warmth and sunshine.

Peace & God's Blessings,
Dan Garrick '79

Students in the Spotlight

Senior **Corey Ferensen** placed First in the Regional Skills U.S.A. competition over the first weekend of March. He will compete in the State competition April 25 & 26. Good luck Corey!

Senior **Andrea Mazzocco** and sophomore **Kristin Bell** performed with the pre-professional dance company, The Collaborative Dance Project, in the concert "Shades of Rhythm" this past March. The dance company brought in choreographers from all over the United States to create dances for the concert.

Students artists, **Alyssa Cook** and **Elizabeth Nelson**, had artwork they created in their Senior Art Seminar class, accepted into the Regional Ohio Governor's Art Exhibit.

Congratulations to seniors **Johnny Hiles** and **Chris Canty** for placing 3rd and 5th respectively in the State Wrestling meet. Congratulations also goes to the Gymnastics team for placing 4th in the Gymnastics State meet, with senior **Morgan Spellacy** placing 1st in the Vault and 6th overall, and junior **Gracey Brown** finishing 8th overall.

The following students have been nominated to the Links, Inc., an African American Civic and Service organization in collaboration with OSU's Office of Minority Affairs: **Sarah Asare, Keyona Castleman, Clinton James, Channing McNeal, Jexemany Rodriguez, Nick Kellogg, Danielle Moore, Victoria Nnadi, Adam Griffin, Ibed Vargas, Natalie Cole, Davon Custis, Crystal Obiukwu, Ivuka Onwuke, Sean Adejobi, Lindsey Moffitt, Michelle Lopes, Gabrielle Pina, Veronia Weber and Leticia Nakibuka.**

Juniors **Danielle Bernert, Natalie Cole, and Nell Seggerson** were chosen by their teachers to participate in Buckeye Girls State for 2008. **Alyssa Magnacca, Maggie Mulligan, and Meredith Schlabig** were nominated as alternates. The girls selected for this honor are called Delegates and educated in the duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of good citizenship. Junior **Nate Dumm** was selected to participate in Buckeye Boys State at Bowling Green State University this coming June. This interactive workshop is a nine-day "Hands On" experience in the operation of the Democratic form of government and the organization of political parties. Nate was chosen by his teachers to represent our school, and **Eric Glasstetter and Paul Biancone** were selected as alternates.

Senior **Jeff Walsh** was named the recipient of the Raymond Fuller Engineering Scholarship in the amount of \$1000. Congrats Jeff!

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 16 Freshmen Class Liturgy**
- 17 Guidance Workshop -
Junior Parent Night at 7 PM**
- 18 Grandparents Day (M-Z)**
Mass begins at 7 AM, followed by breakfast at 8 AM
- 21,22,24 Junior Day of Reflection**
- 23 American Red Cross Blood Drive**
- 24 Senior Open Lunch**
- 25 Principal's Forum**
How to be comfortable in your own skin. Mass begins at 7:00 a.m. followed by breakfast & the program. RSVP by 4/21
- 27 Mother-Daughter Luncheon**
- 28 Mid-term week begins**

MAY

- 2 Senior Awards Assembly - 8 AM
Alumni Awards of Distinction -
6:30 PM**
- 3-4 Relay For Life**

Relay For Life® is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate, remember and fight back, while raising money to help the American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people will gather at St. Francis DeSales High School and take turns walking or running laps. Each team keeps at least one team member on the track at all times. The Relay For Life® will take place on Saturday, May 3, beginning at 5:00 p.m., and continue until noon the following day. During the relay, there will be entertainment, food, refreshments, and a lot of fun! To start your own team or to learn more, please log on to: <http://events.cancer.org/rfldesaleshsoh> or visit the school's website and follow the link to the Hope's Angels Relay For Life website. You may also contact Kellie Miller at kjo71@yahoo.com. If you are a cancer survivor and would like to be our guest of honor for the survivor lap and dinner, please contact Karen Cofojohn at kcofojoh@cdeducation.org or 614-267-6822.

The Guidance Department is hosting a "Junior Class College and Career Night" on Thursday, April 17th. It will begin at 7:00 p.m., and is open to juniors and their parents. Our guest speaker, Dr. Cass Johnson from Otterbein College, will speak about ACT/SAT preparation, College Visits, and the application process.

SAVE THE DATE!

The St. Francis DeSales High School Cluster Reunion will take place on July 11, 12, and 13 2008, in conjunction with the annual Alumni Softball Tournament! Activities include: Alumni tournament, Gathering at Gordy's, Golf outing, Dinner-dance, Mass and Family picnic. Check out the DeSales website for more info!

E-EXPRESS

If you have a spam filter on your email, please allow Desaleshs@cdeducation.org to be accepted if you would like to receive our E-Express updates. If you have not submitted your email address yet, and would like to be included on our E-Express mailing list for important school announcements, please email bsteller@cdeducation.org.

MULCH SALE

NOTE NEW TIMES, DAYS AND LOCATION!

WHEN: April 18-20

**WHERE: 543 McCorkle Blvd. Westerville, 43082
Progressive Medical parking lot - behind bldg.**

TEAMS SCHEDULED TO WORK:

**Friday - Volleyball, Swimming, Girls Tennis,
Boys Golf (4 to 9 p.m.)**

**Saturday - Football, Girls Soccer, Girls Golf
(7 a.m. to 1 p.m.), Boys Soccer, Wrestling,
Cheerleading (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.), Hockey,
Boys Golf, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball
(2 to 8 p.m.)**

**Sunday - Softball, Baseball (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.),
Track, Cross Country, Boys Tennis (2 p.m. to
clean-up)**

**Recycle your inkjet and/or laser
ink cartridges and cell phones at
DHS! Drop off the items to Mr.
Stevens' office.**

*Stop by
California Pizza
Kitchen (Easton)
on April 24 for
lunch or dinner,
and 20% of your
bill will go to
help raise funds
for Prom! Fliers
are available on
the office
countertop.*

ST. FRANCIS DESALES HIGH SCHOOL STALLION GOLF OUTING



This summer, St. Francis DeSales High School will host its first golf outing to benefit all school programs on August 11, 2008, at The Lakes Golf and Country Club. Shotgun start is set for 12:30 p.m. and the day includes lunch, dinner, and the silent auction. Non-golfers are welcome to register for the dinner and silent auction as well. Donated items are needed for the silent auction. Registration information will be posted on the DeSales website. DeSales' parent support for the event is needed and can include the following:

1. Foursomes for golf – call Jim Jones at 267-7808 ext 115
 2. Donation items for silent auction - call Brian or Maria Ellis at 899-6765
 3. Sponsorship Opportunities – call Ryan Wiggins at 267-6822 ext 3
- Please show your support for St. Francis DeSales High School by supporting this important school fund raiser!



May 3 and 4, 2008 marks the third Relay For Life hosted by St. Francis DeSales High School. And the entire community is invited to attend! The event begins at 5:00 p.m. on May 3, and lasts until noon the following day.

For many people who attend Relay For Life®, one of the most moving parts of the event is the Ceremony of Hope. As the light dims over campsites and team members complete laps, the night is brightened by the glow of lighted bags called luminaria, each of which has a special meaning. Some luminaria celebrate the survivorship of people who have battled cancer and lived to tell the tale. Many commemorate the lives of those who have been lost to this disease. All represent a person who has been profoundly affected by cancer and the family and friends who continue to be touched by that experience.

Would you like to honor someone with a luminaria at the Relay For Life Ceremony of Hope? You too can help spread the light of hope and honor or remember those in your life who have been touched by this disease. If you would like to purchase a luminaria in honor or in memory of a loved one, please visit <http://events.cancer.org/rfldesaleshsoh>, and follow the Luminaria link. You may also complete the form below and return it to DHS, Attn: Karen Cofojohn. Please include your \$10.00 donation.

Relay For Life Luminaria Order Form

Relay Name: DeSales H.S.

Relay Team: _____ (if you would like your donation to go to a specific team)

Donor Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

In Honor or In Memory? Please circle one: H or M

Name on Luminaria: _____

Luminarias \$10 each Total Donation: _____

Please make copies of this form if you would like to purchase more than one luminaria.