

DeTales

January 2008

Light the Way

Catholic Schools Week 2008

Over the years, Catholic Schools Week themes have emphasized what makes a high-quality, values-driven Catholic education stand out among the school choices available to students and their families.

The 2008 theme, “**Catholic Schools Light the Way,**” underscores the role of Catholic schools in providing a faith-based education that supports the whole child academically and spiritually. Catholic-educated students will “light the way” to a brighter future through leadership in their communities, government, business, and families.

St. Francis DeSales High School kicked off their Catholic Schools Week celebrations on Thursday, January 24th, with their Feast Day of St. Francis DeSales Liturgy. Bishop Frederick Campbell led mass in honor of the school’s patron saint. On Friday, January 25th, the school hosted the 3rd annual Empty Bowls event. The community joined together in the fight against hunger in Central Ohio, raising funds for the Mid Ohio FoodBank. Free soup and bread was served, and beautiful handmade ceramic bowls were picked out by visitors and taken home. Also that evening, players and coaches of the 1977 wrestling team, 1982 boys’ tennis doubles, 1987 boys’ basketball team and 1992 boys’ gymnastics team were recognized for their milestone state championship reunions celebrated this year. They were honored during halftime of the Varsity Boys basketball game. On Sunday, January 27th, St. Francis DeSales High School held its annual Winter Open House. If you or a friend were unable to attend, please contact Admissions Director, Chris Joseph, for information on the school's enrollment for the class of 2012 (614-267-7808, ext. 116 or cjoseph@cdeducation.org).



Sunday evening also marked the school’s National Honor Society induction ceremony. 79 new members were welcomed to the group. Beginning on Monday morning (January 28)

and continuing throughout Catholic Schools Week, the student body will watch videos filled with testimonials from current students and alums, sharing their thoughts on being a part of the DeSales family. To round out the week, the student body will show their Purple Pride during the Winter Sports assembly on Friday and dance the night away at their Winter Semi-Formal on Saturday.

Parenting Workshop Offered

The parenting workshop, "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk" will be offered on Thursdays, February 21, February 28, and March 13 from 7-9 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection. This program, offered by the Catholic Diocese of Columbus Marriage and Family Life Office, will teach basic communication skills for parents and caregivers to facilitate a stronger parent/child relationship. For more information and to register, call the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560.

A Note of Gratitude

Dear St. Francis DeSales family & friends:

Thank you for your support through this difficult time in my family's life. Thank you for all the gift cards and donations; my family is very grateful for your support in making the holidays special for us. Most importantly, thank you for praying for me and my family. Prayers are what we need the most, and I thank you very much for them.

Sincerely,
Tyler Jones

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Principal's Corner

Dear Friends:

I hope this issue of DeTales finds you and your family in good health and spirits as we embark on the journey of a new year. If your recent year has been anything like mine I am sure 2007 seemed to pass in a blink of an eye. It is hard to fathom that 2007 has passed and we have entered a new year. Time truly is fleeting. It is the sincere hope of all of your friends here at St. Francis DeSales High School that your Holidays were blessed with joyous times spent with loved ones.

Since classes resumed on January 3rd the focus of our students and staff was on preparing for and subsequently taking first semester examinations. I am happy to report that the students and staff worked exceptionally hard during this challenging stretch. Based on all initial indications it certainly seems that all those involved were pleased and confident that the testing was a positive reflection on their overall academic effort thus far.

In addition to the academic challenges associated with this time of the year we are also blessed with the occasion to reflect on what the past year has brought us with regard to opportunities for individual growth. It is my sincere hope that each of us has embraced this opportunity for prayerful reflection; furthermore, it is my sincere hope that through such reflection and prayer that each of us has been enabled to set our personal course for what will be a successful 2008.

This past Thursday, January 24th we gathered as a community of faith to celebrate the Feast Day Mass of our Patron Saint. We were blessed to hear the words of the Most Reverend Bishop Frederick F. Campbell who encouraged all of us to emulate the virtue of St. Francis DeSales; namely, to honor God by living a life of service to man. It seems to me that this was the perfect way to kick-off our local celebration of Catholic Schools Week (January 27 - February 1).

On behalf of the students, staff, and administration of St. Francis DeSales High School I wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our parents, grandparents, alumni, former teachers, and those in religious vocations for working so passionately to promote Catholic education. We recognize the efforts and sacrifices that you have made to establish the tradition of excellence associated with our schools. Please know that we will work daily to build upon your efforts.

In closing, know that you are in our daily prayers and we humbly request that you keep our school in your prayers as we work daily to preserve the proud legacy associated with Catholic education.

Respectfully,
Dan Garrick '79
Principal

ACT Review course

Once again we will offer an ACT review course prior to the April 12th exam date. Information is in the Junior and Senior envelopes. Please contact Mrs. Jean Garrick (jgarrick@cdeducation.org) for information.

Freshman Year 101

During first semester, 13 seniors participated in a 6-week long series titled *College 101: Surviving Freshman Year*. The group was designed for those feeling anxiety towards going away to college. Different topics such as homesickness, balancing time, campus safety, and substance issues were discussed each week. For those who did not have a chance to enroll last semester, the group will be offered again in early 2008.

Names in the News

James Braun has been selected as our nominee to attend the Martin Essex School for the Gifted at The Ohio State University June 22-28, 2008. Students will reside on the OSU campus and attend classes, seminars and workshops on a variety of subjects and topics including the arts, sciences and humanities. 70 students will be selected from around the state to attend this all-expense paid workshop. **Amanda Sloan** has been selected to attend the 10th Annual Ohio Youth Leadership Forum. The students will develop a "Personal Leadership Plan" which will include specific action plans for students to return to their communities and be empowered to reach goals in education, employment and community. **Colleen O'Connor** was chosen by the Knights of Columbus to receive an Academic Scholarship for \$1,000 to be applied to college tuition of the student's choice. She was also selected as the Toyota Community scholar from our school. **Josh Fitzpatrick** was nominated for the Westerville Martin Luther King Day 2008 Fouse award. **Nkechi Iloka** and **Crystal Obiukwu** were nominated to the YWCA's 2008 Bright Futures program. DHS Bowling team member **Jack Waltman** bowled a perfect game (300!) during a scrimmage against Westerville North. Congratulations to these students on their outstanding accomplishments!

It is our
works and not
our words that
give
testimony to
what we are.

-St. Francis
DeSales-

BUSINESS NEWS

Mr. Montenaro's Advance Personal Finance class participated in The Stock Market Simulation Game, where students managed a 100K portfolio and competed against over 1000 other teams throughout Ohio. **Zach Aust and Shane Dalluge** were the winning team in the class, by posting an impressive 7.85% increase in their portfolio. In addition to the Stock Market Simulation Game, the Advance Personal Finance class participated in the Portfolios Investment Simulation game at The Ohio State University. This portfolio management game gave the students key lessons of long term saving and investing that they will need to know to secure their financial future.

New Courses in the Business Department

A new semester course, Marketing, was introduced by the Business Department this school year. Seventy students are currently enrolled in this new course. For the 2008-2009 school year the program will be expanded with an Advanced Marketing class. In addition to the new course offerings in Marketing, over 200 students are enrolled in courses in Personal Finance, Advanced Personal Finance, Business Law, Accounting, and Advanced Accounting. These classes are open to Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors.

The Marketing students completed an exciting project this year. In an effort to expose students to real world experiences, they were divided into small "marketing teams" and assigned to work with a school event or activity to help market that event. Students were required to make two presentations to the class and work closely with the advisor of the activity. Students in this class also studied the areas of economics, promotion, and selling. The Advanced Marketing class will focus on Entrepreneurship as students will study the process of starting and operating a small business. The Advanced Marketing students will also work closely with the school's Spirit Shop and continue their study of the various aspects of marketing.

Along with the additional course offerings came a new remodeled Business classroom. Room 118 now features a dropped ceiling and new lighting. Whiteboards have replaced the chalkboard, and the look of the room was completed with new student desks. The most exciting part of the new classroom however is 28 new laptop computers for students to use in all business classes.

Many of our graduates go on to major in some type of Business degree program in college, or will take one or more businesses classes as part of their course of study. The Business Department strives to provide our students with a firm foundation to excel in this area in college. Beginning in 2010 the state of Ohio will begin mandating that every high school graduates has a minimum of 20 hours of personal financial education. DeSales is in great position to begin meeting the new state requirement. For additional information regarding any of the business course offerings please contact Jeff Montenaro or Jim Purcell at the high school.

Enjoying the Arts

Art teacher Amy Ivanoff, along with artists Jaiymie Kiggins (Mrs. Ivanoff's son), Jerry Tollifson and Jacqueline Jasionowski invite you to stop by the Shremshock Gallery to view their pieces of work throughout the next few weeks. Their show opened on January 19, 2008, with a beautiful reception celebrating their creations.

The Gahanna Community Theater will present the musical, Beauty and the Beast, with Mr. Porretta's wife starring as Belle. The musical will be in the Gahanna High School Theater. Performances are: February 15 (7:30 p.m.), February 16 (1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.), and February 17 (2:30 p.m.) After each performance children can have pictures taken with Belle.

DeSales has a number of high school students performing in OMEA Solo and Ensemble Adjudication on February 26 at Pickerington North H. S. This is an all day event and it is part of a requirement needed to be in the advanced instrumental music class. The students will have the opportunity to earn ratings and comments from the judges.

Recycle your empty printer cartridges & cell phones! Please drop them off to Mr. Stevens' office or place them in his mailbox. Thanks!

Parking spots for 2007-08 are sold out. There is a waiting list in Mr. Asbeck's office if a spot should become available throughout the remainder of the year.

A big thank you to Ms. Julie York for filling in for Mrs. Moose in Latin while she was on maternity leave. Covering Mrs. Samsi's French classes while she is on maternity leave is Ms. Betty Andrus. Welcome!

Reminder: The Mother-Son Dance was moved from February 24 to March 2. Please make a note in your calendars!

Mulch Sale orders due February 15. Mulch deliveries will take place March 14 - March 16.

January Events

- 29 Junior Class Liturgy
- 30 Senior Lunch in FC
- 31 Relay For Life Kickoff mtg. - 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in FC

February Events

- 1 Winter Sports Assembly
- 2 Winter Semi-Formal

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 • Saturday, February 2, 2008
 • Bridgewater Banquet & Conference Center
 • 6:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.
 • Bridgewater Banquet and Conference Center is
 • located North of I-270 and South of Powell Road
 • at: 10561 Sawmill Parkway, Powell, OH 43065
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- 5 Parent to Parent - 6:30 to 9:30 PM
- 6 Ash Wednesday All-School Mass - 8:00 a.m.
- 7 Parent to Parent - 6:30 to 9:30 PM
- 8 Quarter III Principal's Forum - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. RSVP by 2/4
Topic: Faith in a Pluralistic Society

Writers Club Cafe Night

The Writers Club will host its first ever Café Night at St. Francis De Sales High School. We cordially invite you to join us in the Franciscan Center for an evening of original poetry readings, live entertainment, refreshments and friends in a 1950's beatnik café atmosphere. Come and sit at a table or on the floor, snap your fingers to show your approval to the readers and performers, and enjoy fresh coffee, tea, or water and home baked desserts in a relaxed, romantic venue. When: **Sunday, February 17, 2008 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Cost: \$5.00 admission includes 1 drink and 1 dessert
 \$3.00 admission, no refreshment

Desserts and drinks will be available for \$2.00 each. Monies raised will benefit our school library.

St. Francis DeSales H.S. All School Cluster Reunion

JULY 11, 12, 13, 2008

We hope you can join us for the first St. Francis DeSales High School All School Reunion, where alumni from the classes of 1964 to 2008 will join together for a week-end of fun! Check out the DeSales website for the most up-to-date info!

February Events cont.

DeSales vs. Watterson JV and Varsity Boys Basketball games on February 8 will be played at Otterbein College at 6:30/8:00 p.m. Freshmen Boys Basketball will play Watterson at DHS on Feb. 7 at 7:00 p.m.

- 12 Senior Kairos Retreat #3 (thru 2/15) Parent to Parent - 6:30 to 9:30 PM
- 13 Mothers Club mtg. - 6:30 PM in FC
- 15 The Central Ohio Brass Band (which Mr. Porretta is a member of) will be performing a free concert with the Brass Band of Columbus at St. John's Church on at 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Writers Club Café Night - 7:00 to 9:00 PM in FC
- 18 Presidents' Day - No Classes
- 19 Mid-term week begins

SAVE THE DATE!

European Vacation '09

Join the fun and excitement next Spring Break! St. Francis DeSales students will have the opportunity to travel in Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Berlin, Auschwitz-Biekenau, Prague and Budapest. Cost: TBA Contact Mr. Ulry at sulry@cdeducation.org or stop by Room 211. Meetings soon: listen for announcements and look for posters!