October 2008

Colloquium

Dear Friends of Carmel Catholic,

Early in the month of October we celebrate “homecoming.” We extend invitations, far and wide, to the people who have had an impact on our community over the years. We look forward to seeing alumni, former teachers, volunteers, coaches, and staff members. It’s a time to catch up and reminisce. Trading stories and conjuring up memories are the source of humor and poignant feelings. We don’t celebrate homecoming for the sake of coming home to a building – we come for the people, we come home to our collective expression of the mission of Carmel Catholic.

Regardless of the role each of us plays/played during our time at CCHS, the enlivening of the mission is/was reflected in and through each person.

Founded in the Roman Catholic tradition, Carmel Catholic High School calls us to be a Christian community in which students, parents faculty and alumni interact in a spirit of Gospel love and freedom. We foster lifelong faith, learning, and development of an individual’s talents and skills...

A popular anthropomorphic allusion which I hear often is that people who experience our school, even for a short time, become “Carmelized.” It is a sublime process and happens without our knowing it. I think it means that through one’s experience of the collection of us we might come out of it just a little more conscious of another, we might just be little more kind, we might think about another person before ourselves, we might look for ways to help, we might look for ways to build each other up, we might turn to God through the course of the day.

Some people might challenge us to the claims of living and loving more humanly. The dynamic which is created through the experience of our community may be perceived as an aberration or unachievable in this age of me-first. Some say that you have to see it to believe it – we know better.

As we celebrate homecoming this year, come home to the fullness of Carmel Catholic. And when you go back to the place from where you came, take your Carmelized heart with you wherever you go.

WELCOME HOME!

Sincerely,

Judith Mucheck, Ph.D.
President
From the Principal’s Desk

An Overview of Carmel Catholic Student Orientation Programs

During the first quarter, extended homerooms are run each Friday in order to allow for freshman, sophomore and senior orientation sessions, each with a different focus. The freshman sessions are designed to help with transition issues. Getting used to a new school, learning school rules and protocol, making friends and getting involved are just some of the topics that junior Big Brothers and Sisters address during their meetings with the freshmen. Under the guidance of faculty who serve as advisors for the program, the juniors work in teams in each homeroom dividing the students into small groups, giving kids a chance to ask questions and share concerns. Discussions in small groups and the benefit of juniors who can share their experiences go a long way in helping our freshmen feel comfortable in their Carmel home.

The sophomore sessions focus on the issue of substance abuse. Statistics tell us that the majority of high school students make the decision to begin drinking or using drugs somewhere in their sophomore year. In response to this statistic, these sessions are designed to encourage students to make the healthy decision. Under the direction of faculty coordinators, the Senior Leadership Team, composed of over 50 seniors who have made the decision to remain drug and alcohol free, work with the sophomores in small groups to discuss the temptations, the peer pressure and the strategies for avoiding use. In addition to the sessions run by the team, other sessions include a video on the topic, a quiz on what students know about the dangers of drugs and alcohol and an information session in which students study physical and emotional effects of drug and alcohol use on the adolescent.

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From the CCHS Finance Department

Carmel Catholic has purchased a student accident insurance policy to cover all of our students. This policy covers students during the school day and when they participate in extracurricular activities. If you have any questions about the policy or need to request a claim form, please call John Sheehy at 847-388-3360.

Department of Student Services

With the new year underway, each facet of the Student Services Department is back in full swing. Counselors are meeting with their students and the dialogue surrounding college applications is an important part of the work of our seniors.

For the freshmen, mapping out a four-year course sequence and discussing elementary-to-high school transition issues are common themes. For the sophomores and juniors, a focus on successful academic achievement and meaningful engagement in co-curricular activities continue to be areas to explore.

Did you know that the Student Services Department has a full-time licensed, Social Worker? Mrs. Beth Carlson, M.S.W. joined our staff this fall and brings both enthusiasm and energy to her new position. Mrs. Carlson assists students with the issues which fall outside of the realm of regular school counseling. In addition to her networking with outside agencies, Mrs. Carlson will facilitate issue support group sessions for students who need an avenue for discussion and processing. These will include a grief and loss group, a group dealing with stress management, and a group for students in divorced families. Mrs. Carlson holds a B.A. in Psychology from St. Norbert College and an M.S.W. from Aurora University.

The returning staff of the Student Services Department include: Dr. Kathleen Kuhri, Director, Mrs. Suzanne Adamson, Ms. Carrie Egan, Mrs. Christine Hartnett, Mr. Jon Listek and Mr. John Ryan. We look forward to assisting you and your students in whatever way we can!

Advancement News

News from the Office of Institutional Advancement

• A sophomore student is getting up from her desk and will begin moving through the hallway towards her next class…
• A member of the math faculty is posting her Algebra Class notes to Edline from her tablet PC so that any absent students can see exactly what he/she missed today…
• A young Corsair is thinking about his weekend games and how he will play instead of dwelling on the loss in his family…

What do these three very dissimilar “pictures” have in common? All three of these things were made possible by the Annual Fund. The Annual Fund is vital here at CCHS. Every year, there is a $1 million gap between our tuition revenue and our cost to educate a student. This is a conscious decision. We do this to keep our tuition as low as possible so that a Carmel education can remain available to as many families as possible. The way we are able to bridge the gap is through fundraising and the generous support of our community. The Annual Fund is a key part of our fundraising program. The Annual Fund supports needs based tuition assistance, program enhancements like our new teaching technology in the Math Department and our tuition assistance program that enables a student to remain and graduate from Carmel Catholic after the loss of a parent. The Annual Fund helps Carmel Catholic remain a great school and provides our students with a lifetime of value.

So many of our alumni credit Carmel Catholic High School as being instrumental in setting a trajectory that leads to success. They credit our faculty and staff, clubs and sports, programs and facilities as being fundamental in their development. They credit CCHS with opening doors that have led to life-changing opportunities. As students, they say that they find a second home here. All of these wonderful things, those things that are central to the Carmel Experience, can’t happen without the support of the Annual Fund.

You are the reason!

The Carmel Community of parents, alumni and friends has been the secret of our success. The willingness of the community to pull together and be supportive is tremendous. In that spirit, I invite each of you to become Annual Fund donors this year. You know what a great place Carmel Catholic is and the wonderful things we are doing for your children. We need all of your help this year to keep our current programs strong and continue to innovate and make the Carmel Catholic High School experience the best it can be.

Please give to the Annual Fund.

We ask you all to make a gift in support of the Annual Fund. You will have all received our Annual Appeal by now. I encourage you to read the booklet and reflect on CCHS’ impact on your son or daughter’s lives. Then make the gift that makes sense to you and your situation. No gift is too small, or too large! We need all of your help to keep Carmel Catholic strong and growing for the future. Your help will enable that sophomore to continue to move through her daily schedule and be successful. Your gift will enable our faculty, staff and administration to develop innovative programs that prepare all our students for a new world of opportunities. Your support will ensure that that young Corsair, and others in similar circumstances, will find the stability and continuity needed in a time of great pain and loss. You can make this happen with your gift to the Annual Fund.

You can make a gift immediately using your credit card at the following web address: www.corsairalumni.org/annualfund2008-2009.
Ministry Program

The Ministry Program has gone through some exciting changes over the summer by taking the paperwork process online. Although we ran into a few glitches, which we expected in testing a new system, it served its purpose in reducing paper and consolidating the paperwork process. As we approach the ministry contract due date for the Fall, please remind your children to plan accordingly with the online paperwork so that they meet this deadline. Please keep in mind that both the Ministry Contract and Evaluation need to be completed online by the student. After the forms are submitted, the remaining forms to the Supervisors and Parents are automatically generated. Once the responses are received from the Supervisor and Parent, the student’s name is entered into a database that is updated every Friday for you to view on the Edline Ministry Webpage.

MINISTRY CONTRACT DUE – October 3
MINISTRY EVALUATION DUE – December 2

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place after first quarter grading on Thursday, November 6th, from 1:00 to 3:10 and from 5:30 to 8:00. We have found that it works well for us to not have pre-scheduled appointments. Parents are given a locator list for finding teachers when they arrive and then they are able to choose their own path for seeing teachers. These meetings are quite short (five minutes, unless no other parent is waiting), so if there is need for a longer meeting, arrangements can be made with the teacher for another less rushed time. This is a good time for teachers and parents to share specific information related to the learning strategies of the student. One way for us to help students succeed is to provide opportunities for parents and teachers to work together.

Seniors to Order Caps and Gowns and Announcements

Information on ordering caps and gowns, announcements and other items associated with graduation will be distributed in homerooms in mid-October. All seniors must order a cap and gown with correct sizing. The rental cost for caps and gowns has already been included in the graduation fee. Todd Crandall, the representative from Jostens, will be at Carmel on Thursday, October 23 during the lunch periods to take cap and gown orders and payments for announcements and other items. Please contact the senior class moderator, Ms. Charlotte Pavelka via e-mail at cpavelka@carmelhs.org with questions.

Street Scenes Update

Street Scenes Ad Drive
Friday, October 10th was the last homeroom collection day for the Street Scenes Ad Drive. Mrs. Jet Collette will accept ads, tickets, sponsors, etc. in the Business Office through October 30, 2008. Students will earn 10% commission on total receipts of $200 or more and will qualify for a Goal Holiday if they bring in $300 or more.

Mandatory Fundraising Reminder
Each student is expected to bring in a mandatory amount of $100 for Street Scenes, and if not, $100 will be billed to your tuition account during the fall semester.

Campus Ministry News

On Monday, September 8, Fr. Kyrin Caggiano, O.Carm., celebrated class Liturgies in the Auditorium. These Liturgies were planned by teams from each class, and we answered the call from the Second Vatican Council to “the participation of all the Christian faithful in the prophetic office…” (Code of Canon Law, Canon 766) with Lectors, Commentators, and Cantors from each class. Mrs. Jennifer Burkhalter, Associate Principal, and Mr. Andy Bitto, Athletic Director shared Homilies with the Freshman and Senior classes, respectively. These Liturgies celebrated our call to service, and specifically each student’s call to our Ministry Program – 20 hours of service per semester.

On Thursday, September 18, the Class of 2012 and their parents participated in a special liturgy of induction. The theme of the liturgy was, “Celebrating our Legacy” which reflected on the histories and traditions of our founding religious communities, the Order of Carmelites and the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Each freshman was presented with a blessed scapular by their parent(s).

Kairos Retreats for senior girls and boys were held the weeks of September 16-19, and September 23-26. More than 180 of our seniors have now experienced our Kairos Retreat.

On Monday, September 22, four of our feeder schools, Santa Maria (Mundelein), St. Joseph (Libertyville), St. Mary of the Annunciation (Mundelein), and Transfiguration (Wauconda) visited Carmel Catholic for their Eighth Grade Retreat. This retreat day was led by 25 of our seniors on a faculty In-service day when the students were not in school. The next Eighth Grade Retreat is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14.

Mark Your Calendars!

October
13 Columbus Day – No School/Offices Closed
14 Faculty In-Service – No classes/Offices Open 8:00-3:00
15 Noon Dismissal – EXPLORE, PLAN, PSAT Testing; Offices Open 7:30-12:30
16 Induction Ceremony for NHS, MAT, SC, Tri-M, Thespian; 7 p.m., Auditorium
18 STAR Gala, 6 p.m.
20 Red Ribbon Week Begins

November
2 Alumni Memorial Mass – 10 a.m., Brandaem Chapel Open House – 12 p.m.
6 Parent/Teacher Conferences – No School/Offices Open 8:30-3:30
15 Faculty In-Service – No classes/Offices Open 8:00-3:00
18 STAR Gala, 6 p.m.
Carmel Catholic Announces Cabaret Concert

The Carmel Catholic High School Music Department will present its annual Cabaret Concerts on Wednesday, Oct. 29th and Thursday, Oct. 30th at 7:00 PM in the Carmel Cafe. Mr. David Miebiere, director of the Jazz Band and Jazz Combo, will kick off the concert with several Big Band selections. The Choral Department will feature performances by each of its ensembles, with Mr. Kent Parry directing. Several dance and vocal soloists will also entertain concert guests.

- NOTE: Not all students will be performing both nights. Before placing your order, please ask your student which night he/she will be performing.
- Sorry, no Box Suppers will be sold at the event.

Admission is $3.00 and tickets will be sold at the door.

Enjoy a “Box Supper” while listening to our talented students (pre-orders only). Assorted gourmet desserts and beverages will be sold throughout the evening’s entertainment. Carmel Catholic Council for the Arts (CCCA) will be hosting this event. To place a Box Supper order, fill out the form below or call Julie Love (948 247-1205).

- You may order a Box Supper for your performing student and it will be ready for ‘carry out’ at 6:20 pm. Please complete a separate order form for ‘carry out’.

CABARET CONCERT “Box Supper” Order Form

Wednesday, Oct. 29 and Thursday, October 30
Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Enjoy a “Box Supper” while listening to our talented students at the Cabaret Concert! Please indicate which evening and entre you would like.

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CCHS teacher Marcella Linahan is committed to integrating authentic science research into her Astronomy curriculum. As such, Astronomy students are collaborating with Max Mutchler at the Space Telescope Science Institute to analyze and catalog data from NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope (HST). Students converse with Mr. Mutchler during bi-weekly web-cam conferences. Students have completed their first project: astronomical data mining and curation of colliding galaxy ESO 69. This involves converting the original dataset to more science-ready data. By carefully analyzing the images, students were able to reject cosmic rays and other artifacts to cleanup the images. Original files are monochrome, as opposed to the “pretty pictures” released by the Hubble Heritage Project. The students’ dataset will be ingested into the Hubble archive as a High Level Science Project, making it available for future researchers.

Students are starting the next project: cataloging dark globules, areas opaque in visible light, in the Carina Nebula. The Carina Nebula is a huge star-forming region that requires a mosaic of 48 frames to cover the 50-light-year region. Frames were taken with the now defunct Hubble’s Advanced Camera for Surveys (ACS). The ACS is scheduled for repair on the next Space Shuttle mission with a launch date of October 10th. A “pretty picture” of the Carina Nebula was released to the public in celebration of the 17th anniversary of the Hubble Space Telescope. You can view it at hubblesite.org/newscenter/archive/releases/2007/2007/16.

Additionally, students are working as interns for the Lake County Astronomical Society’s Education Outreach Program. CCHS students join these astronomers at local libraries to actively participate in these Star Party events. Mr. Joe Schuster, the coordinator of this program, has been impressed with the enthusiasm and dedication of the CCHS students. Please join the students at the next events starting at 6:30 pm at Lake Villa Library (10/6) and Antioch Library (10/8).

Notification Concerning Asbestos Content and Management Plan for Carmel Catholic High School

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). That law requires all schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade, to be inspected to identify any asbestos-containing building materials. The law further requires the development of a Management Plan, based upon the findings of the inspection, which outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school.

A copy of the three-year inspection report and the Management Plan is on file at the Carmel Catholic High School in the Academic Office for your review if you so desire.
Please cut out and add to your 2008-2009 Parents’ Directory

Art Students Recognized

The artwork of two Carmel students was selected for participation in the Illinois Art Education Association’s traveling art show. Rebecca Blake ’08 was selected for her work in Craypas drawing and Greg O’Block ’11 for his work in photography. Congratulations to these students as they receive their awards at the IAEA Annual Conference in October.

ADDENDUM TO THE PARENTS’ DIRECTORY 2008-2009

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