

VERITAS

A newsletter for the parents, students and friends of St. Catherine's High School

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Students Enjoy a Sweet Celebration



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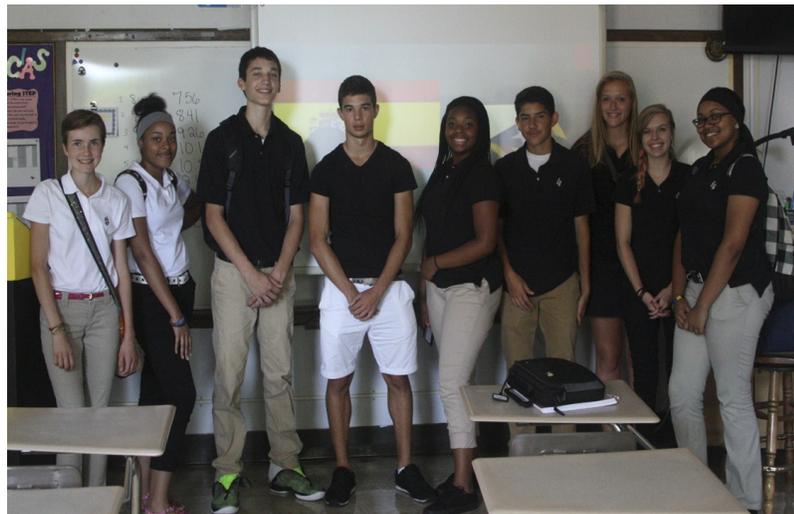
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Leading Off: SCHS Spanish Students had a special opportunity to meet Jordi, a student from Barcelona, Spain, who was visiting the Hovan family for three weeks. On August 27th Jordi joined our Spanish 2 classes as a guest speaker. He gave an informative and fun presentation about Spain where he compared cultural similarities and differences between student life in Racine and Barcelona.

Above: Jordi, in the white shorts, with Spanish 2 students.

From the Desk of Dr. Noonan

Dear SCHS Community:

Ignite. Renew. Energize.

Are these the three identifiers for the St. Catherine's 150th celebration? They could be. This is a landmark year in school history and we are delighted to be honoring and celebrating the rich tradition bestowed upon us by the Racine Dominicans. Are these the descriptors for the Homecoming Week that we had a few weeks back? They could have been. This year's Homecoming Week was a tremendous time of fun and celebration through a weeklong series of special events for the school community. Special thanks to the Class of 2015 for their positive spirit and student leadership throughout the week.

Actually, *ignite*, *renew* and *energize* are the three key words used by Archbishop Jerome ListECKI to capture the essence of the Archdiocesan Synod and resultant decree. A few weeks ago the Archbishop of Milwaukee released his Synodal Declaration, a summary of the pastoral priorities for the next 10-15 years, as informed by the Synod gathering last June. Reflects Archbishop ListECKI, "As I prayed about this declaration and our future as a Church, no three words could better describe how I believe this next chapter in our archdiocese will unfold. A flame has been *ignited*. There's a genuine desire for *renewal*. And, Catholics all over the archdiocese are *energized* to make things happen."

Twenty months of preparation led up to the Synod and three months of prayer and discernment have followed. The full document can be found at www.archmil.org/synod-2014.htm. All are invited to read and reflect on the priorities outlined for the years ahead. The personal question that Archbishop ListECKI puts to each of us is as follows: "How can I bring Christ to the world in a more intentional way – in my family, my place of work, my parish and in the community?" At St. Catherine's we will do our part to support and live out the pastoral priorities as outlined by the declaration.

Part of how we can live out and share our faith is to invite others to experience the vibrant and caring community that is St. Catherine's. On **Tuesday, October 21st, from 6-8 p.m.** we have our annual **Open House**. I ask each current SCHS family to invite a prospective family to attend this event. Please help us to share the Catholic, Dominican mission of St. Catherine's, and provide others the opportunity to learn more about our 150 year tradition and the pillars of prayer, study, service, and community.

On a final note, cooler weather is ahead and students must again be attentive to cold weather gear policies. Please review these standards carefully. The Lands' End Uniform Store offers sweater options in **BLACK**, **WHITE** and **MAIZE** with the embroidered Dominican Shield. Though recommended, the Dominican Shield is not required. A solid **BLACK**, **WHITE** or **MAIZE** sweater/fleece may be worn so long as it is plain or has a small commercial logo on it (solid colors only – no striping or multicolor items). No hooded items are allowed. Students are expected to wear the approved uniform polo shirt beneath all sweater/fleece options. And with respect to pants, parents need to be sure that students are wearing approved cotton khaki pants. No black or tan jeans, leggings or stretch pants are allowed. We have noticed a problem with this over the past few weeks, especially with some girls wearing black jeans and leggings. We expect and appreciate student adherence with the uniform dress code.

As always, I continue to invite anyone to please [contact me directly](#) at any time if there is a question or concern.

God bless,



Dr. Thomas Noonan, Principal



Fall Parent/Guardian Teacher Conferences - Thursday, October 2nd

Parents can take this opportunity to meet with their child's teachers. Conferences will be held without appointments in the classroom or office for all teachers, grades 6-12. For additional details, please view the [Parent Teacher Conference Info Sheet](#). Copies of this Info Sheet will also be available upon your arrival.

Conferring with a teacher is done as the teacher becomes available, conversations should be approximately 5 minutes in length. If an extended period of time is needed with a teacher, an appointment should be made at the time of the conference. In order to facilitate the conference, the parent/guardian should review online grades and teacher comments through [PowerSchool](#) and [Schoolology](#) in advance.

Saturday Support Program

Making sure students are academically prepared for post secondary careers is a major goal of St. Catherine's. To meet this goal, teachers and administrators will be assigning students who have multiple missing assignments to our Saturday Support Program to make these assignments up. The goals of this program are to teach students the importance of responsibility, get them caught up academically, and provide a certified resource staff member to assist them in any academic area they may be struggling in.

The sessions will run from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and will be held every two weeks. If you have any questions, please contact assistant principal, [Mr. Tillmann](#).

Looking for Service Hours? Want to help others?

Attention Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors! Are you in need of service hours and looking for an opportunity to give back to your school community? We need peer tutors in the [Learning Resource Center](#) during and after school. It's a chance to earn up to half of your service hours and give academic assistance to students in need of help. Please contact [Ms. Rybak](#) for more information and an application form.

Class Rings, Caps and Gowns - Jostens visits

Mark your calendar to learn more about ordering class rings, caps and gowns from our Jostens rep. Sophomores and Seniors — please note the following dates:

- Thursday, October 16th - Sophomore Class Ring Meeting - during Step
 - Friday, October 24th - Sophomore Class Ring orders taken - during all lunches
 - Tuesday, December 2nd - Senior Class Cap and Gown Meeting - during Step
 - Friday, December 5th - Senior Class Cap and Gown orders turned in - during all lunches
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Asbestos Notice

Saint Catherine's High School has been inspected for asbestos-containing building materials by a State Certified Asbestos Inspector. A written management plan including the inspection report has been submitted to the State of Wisconsin Division of Health and reviewed for compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) 40 CFR Part 763 effective December 1987.

The management plan describing locations and conditions of known and assumed Asbestos-containing building materials is available at the school administrative office for anyone to review. Please contact our Asbestos designated person, Anthony Kaprelian, at (262)637-1362 for assistance. If anyone requests a copy of the report, we will need the request in writing and a fee for the labor and duplication.

O&M activities will be performed during this school year. Work will be performed by Asbestos certified license contractor (Balestrieri Environmental).

The EPA required three year re-inspection and 6 month periodic surveillances will be conducted by a State Certified Asbestos Inspector from AP Environmental, Inc.



Congratulations to Ms. Beth Mudlaff!

Celebrate Teachers & Teaching Awards' panel and the Education Deans of Greater Milwaukee (EDGM) has selected Ms. Beth Mudlaff as a 2014 Honorable Mention award recipient.

EDGM appreciates the excellent training she received at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee and Alverno College, as well as the support of our principal, Dr. Thomas Noonan. The 2014 award focus is on teachers who are doing exemplary work in service learning and they have recognized Ms. Mudlaff for her hard work. Congratulations!

Turning 20: Scrip Offering Special Deal

There's never been a better time to start using Scrip than this October. In celebration of their 20th anniversary Great Lakes Scrip is offering a [20/20/20 deal](#). Each day from October 1st through the 20th from Noon – 12:20 p.m. there will be a different vendor offering a 20% rebate. It could turn out that stores and restaurants you regularly shop at will have this deal and you can stock up and earn valuable credit towards next year's tuition. If you want to learn more about the Scrip program or wish to sign-up, please check out our [website](#) for more details. Happy shopping!

Middle School Math - Exponential Accomplishments

The 8th graders at St. Cats began their year in mathematics studying operations of rational numbers. They have jumped to working with exponents and roots and will continue their mastery from there. The 7th graders began with algebraic reasoning and are moving on to operations with integers. Combined they have started using a new app, iXL, which documents their growth and understanding of the topics studied. Together they have earned class certificates showing outstanding completion of more than 50 hours of practice and over 15,000 problems answered correctly so far!

Spain Trip 2015

Attention parents of Spanish 3 & 4 students: Did you miss Tuesday's informational meeting?

Please visit Ms. Allesee during conferences (Thursday, October 2nd) to get your enrollment packet and important details for the trip! Please note that the trip deposit is \$95 and the enrollment deadline is October 7th!

Lee Denim Day - October 9th

The St. Catherine's community will come together on Thursday, October 9th, for the third year to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. To participate, students are asked to give a minimum of \$1.00 donation to wear jeans and pink to school on Lee Denim Day.

Lee National Denim Day is a fundraiser created by Lee jeans in cooperation with the American Cancer Society where participants donate \$5.00 or more in exchange for wearing jeans to work. SCHS faculty and staff are also invited to participate, and in addition to raising money, we will gather prayer intentions for people in our lives touched by breast cancer. Everyone is welcome to join us by donating to the [St. Catherine's team page](#).

Soles for Catholic Education Walk - October 25th

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is sponsoring the 2nd annual Soles for Catholic Education Walk on October 25th, at Mount Mary College. [Sign up today to be a part of the St. Catherine's team!](#)

This year we will once again collect all types and sizes of gently-used shoes. Please drop off shoes in the front office or Room 203.

SADD Invites Students to "Wear Red" on October 30th

By Chandler Brewster '15

On Thursday, October 30, Students Against Destructive Decisions is sponsoring a "Wear Red" day in honor of the Red Ribbon Campaign. Since its beginning in 1985, the Red Ribbon has touched the lives of millions of people around the world. In response to the murder of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena, angered parents and youth in communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs in America. On October 30 students are allowed to wear a red top with the approved uniform bottom. If students choose not to wear red, they must be wearing the regular uniform top. You can find more information about this day at <http://redribbon.org>.

O'B's 35th Annual Winter Clothing Drive

Retired or not, O'B is returning to conduct his 35th annual winter clothing drive for the needy. Beginning November 1st, please bring unwanted and gently-used jackets, coats, gloves, scarves, sweatshirts, sweaters, hats and other articles of clothing to the Main Office or Room 123. Those who have clothes to donate, but are unable to get them to SCHS, please email [O'B](#) to arrange a pick up.





Homecoming Recap: I Want Candy

By Rebecca Bixler '15

Homecoming Week 2014 began on Monday with an all-school liturgy sponsored by Student Council. This event brought the school together as one whole community before the following day's (upsetting) Powderpuff games and the grueling class competitions.

On Tuesday, students proceeded to dress up as anything related to the theme, Candyland. Throughout the day, candy canes, M&M's and Sweethearts were roaming the halls. Transitioning from sweet to fierce, the Juniors defeated the Freshmen and the Seniors dominated the Sophomores to play for the championship game Tuesday night before the bonfire. Unexpectedly, the Juniors took the victory away from the Seniors in the championship game, but the Seniors battled harder to maintain their standings in the Pep Paddle competition during Wednesday's Class Competitions.

On Thursday, each grade brought out their creative side and dressed as their themed candy and then later competed in the variety show. Once again, first place was up for grabs between the Junior and Senior class, but the Seniors pulled thorough for first place with their rendition of "Pour Some Sugar on Me."

Friday, the school gathered again as one for the pep assembly to recognize our phenomenal athletic teams and the 2014 Homecoming court! Our spectacular court consisted of Chandler Brewster, Bella Chiappetta, Taylor Cretton, Vanessa Ramage, Lauren Summers and Chennedy Wiles, and for the gentlemen, Jerod Alderson, Danny Welch, Troy Dorlack, E.J. Perkins, Connor Naeve and Thomas Weir. The 2014 Homecoming King and Queen was Thomas Weir and Taylor Cretton, followed by Bella Chiappetta and E.J. Perkins as First Attendants, and Vanessa Ramage and Jerod Alderson as Second Attendants. Congrats to all!

Friday night at the football game, the student section cheered like Angels as the team beat Kenosha St. Joseph 32-14! Finally, homecoming week concluded Saturday evening with a "sweet" dance. Thank you to all who made the week successful, especially Ms. Mudlaff and Mr. Wisnoski!

Letter from the Director of Campus Ministry

Dear St. Catherine's Community,

In his encyclical on faith, Pope Francis teaches us: "Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey. To those who suffer, God does not provide arguments which explain everything; rather, his response is that of an accompanying presence, a history of goodness which touches every story of suffering and opens up a ray of light" (*Lumen Fidei* 57). During these first weeks of school, our students, faculty, and staff have had the opportunity to explore the light of faith in this spirit of accompaniment. We have walked together in the footsteps of Christ through Morning Prayer, Middle School Retreats, and All-School Liturgies. I invite you to take a few moments to read about the experience of faith life at St. Catherine's. Please consider taking the time to talk as a family about how you can be a lamp for others in the world. The journey closer to God begins with a single footstep.

Blessings always,

Deanna Love



Middle School Students Break Ice and Make Bonds

The themes for the middle school retreats are taken directly from the values on the Dominican shield: Blessing, Praise, and Preaching, all under the motto of Truth. Each retreat begins and ends with prayer. There were ice breakers, team building activities and skits which encouraged students to explore each theme more in-depth. Every middle school retreat also included an act of service (this year, this was cleaning up the retreat park grounds) and a craft project. The craft projects are now displayed in the chapel for the entire SCHS community to appreciate. Please take a few moments to learn a little more about what our middle school students experienced on retreat.

True Blessing

The 6th grade retreat centered around the Dominican Blessing. The sixth graders worked together to represent all of the parts of a body in Body Balloon Burst to understand the blessing of a sound body, and they unraveled the secrets behind Blanket Toss to experience the blessing of a supportive community. The sixth graders created God's Eyes with attached prayer cards thanking God for the blessings in their lives. They performed skits portraying the life of St. Catherine of Siena.

True Praise

The 7th grade retreat focused on Psalm 150. The seventh graders were challenged by the Stepping Stones to Noah's Ark activity which invited them to experience the reasons we praise God, and they worked together to create a Balloon Trolley propelled by their positive praise of each other. The seventh graders made Praise Maracas, with special prayer intentions written directly on their instruments. They performed skits based on the life of St. Dominic.

True Preaching

The 8th grade retreat opened with Matthew 5:14-16. They explored leadership while working together to solve the puzzles of the Human Knot and the Magic Carpet Ride. The eighth graders created Angel Way posters to represent what it means to them to be a Saint Catherine's student and live the "Angel Way." They performed skits focused on the lives of key Dominican saints including: St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Agnes of Montepulciano, St. Peter of Verona, Blessed Margaret of Castello, St. Rose of Lima and St. Martin de Porres.

High School Retreat Information

Monday, October 6th

Freshmen

Retreat location: St. Francis de Sales Seminary

Dominican Pillar: Community

Report to: Auditorium at 7:15 a.m.

Bus will return to school at approximately 2:15 p.m.

Dress code: Uniform and comfortable walking shoes

Lunch: Bag lunch with your name written on it

Juniors

Retreat location: Siena Center

Dominican Pillar: Prayer

Report to: Cafeteria at 5:45 a.m.

Bus will return to school at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Dress code: Spirit wear highly suggested. Comfortable clothing suitable for outdoor activities. Sweatpants (rather than jeans) and weather-appropriate clothing is encouraged. Athletic shoes (no sandals). No pajama pants. Long pants and a sweatshirt/jacket are recommended. Students may bring blankets for the sunrise prayer service if the weather is cool.

Lunch: Bag lunch with your name written on it



On this day, Sophomores and Seniors WILL NOT have school.

Tuesday, October 7th

Sophomores

Retreat location: Covenant Harbor Snake Road Adventure Center in Lake Geneva

Dominican Pillar: Study

Report to: Auditorium at 7:15 a.m.

Bus will return to school at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Dress code: Spirit wear highly suggested. Comfortable clothing suitable for outdoor activities. Sweatpants (rather than jeans) and weather-appropriate clothing is encouraged. Athletic shoes (no sandals). No pajama pants. Long pants and a sweatshirt/jacket are recommended.

Lunch: Bag lunch with your name written on it

Seniors

Retreat location: Salvation Army Wonderland Adventure Camp

Dominican Pillar: Service

Report to: Cafeteria at 7:15 a.m.

Bus will return to school at approximately 2:45 p.m.

Dress code: Spirit wear highly suggested. Comfortable clothing suitable for outdoor activities. Sweatpants (rather than jeans) and weather-appropriate clothing is encouraged. Athletic shoes (no sandals). No pajama pants. Long pants and a sweatshirt/jacket are recommended.

Lunch: Bag lunch with your name written on it

On this day, Freshmen and Juniors WILL NOT have school.

Middle school classes will be in session on Monday and Tuesday.

All-School Liturgy

SCHS celebrated its first All-School Liturgy on August 27th. The Cheerleaders and Poms sponsored the Mass, with **Hailey Lawrence, Regan McCauley, Jenny Perrault, Vanessa Ramage, Elaina Keiser, Aubreonna Poole, Norah McCauley, Sarah Busey, Bella Tenuta, Alicia Amaya, Allie Witek, Megan Anderson, Reminiscence Bulton, Jacquelyn DeGuire, and Emma Dresen** taking active roles as readers, gift bearers, ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. **Haeden Ford, Cole Dixon, and Anna Mae Dixon** assisted as altar servers. Father Ricardo from Sacred Heart Parish presided over the Mass. He reflected on the memorial of St. Monica, or as he referred to her, the saint of disappointing children. He challenged each of us to grow in holiness by trying to live as the people God created us to be, the best version of ourselves. He encouraged us to embrace our roles as prophets, to speak truth in the face of conflict and doubt. Fr. Ricardo reminded us that we all make mistakes, and he invited us to forgive ourselves and others as we walk together on the path to sainthood.

We celebrated our annual Homecoming All-School Liturgy on September 19th. Student Government sponsored the Mass, with **Hailey Lawrence, Vanessa Ramage, Lauren Summers, Danny Welch, Taryn Schuster, Taylor Cretton, Regan McCauley, Elise Brennan, Becca Bixler, Jack Cafferty, Troy Dorlack, Emma Madden, Kelly Thomas, Hansen McIlvaine, Josh Cook, Chris Czarnecki and Luke Olley** taking active roles. **Cole Dixon, Haeden Ford, and Anna Mae Dixon** assisted as altar servers. Father Tom Manahan, a Jesuit priest from Marquette, presided over the Mass. He reflected on the importance of our Sesquicentennial celebration. He encouraged students and teachers to consider the dedication it took to keep the faith alive and the doors open for 150 years and he challenged us to think about what role we play in making sure that the legacy continues for another 150 years. Fr. Manahan compared St. Catherine's to a house: our community is built on a foundation of those who came before us, and it is marked by an open door which welcomes those in need into our midst and invites us to go out into the world. We come to Mass to worship together, but we are to take what we learn and spread the light of Christ around the world.

City-Wide Catholic School Mass

On September 24th, our middle school students joined other Catholic elementary and middle schools from around the city of Racine to celebrate Mass with Bishop Hying at St. Lucy's. **Rachel Commande** read a petition for the needs of the world, especially for those political leaders called to make decisions regarding peace in the Middle East. Fathers Ricardo, Steve, Kevin, and Mark concelebrated with Bishop Hying. Bishop Hying explained the role of an auxiliary bishop and his symbols of office, including the crozier (shepherd's staff), mitre (pointed cap), and zucchetto (skull cap). He encouraged each of us to pray every day, to attend Mass each Sunday and to treat others kindly. More than 1,000 students listened attentively to his message and participated reverently in the liturgy. It was such a blessing for our Racine Catholic school communities to celebrate the Mass together.

Middle School Students Lead Monday Morning Prayer and Pledge

Our middle school students are leading the school-wide Morning Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance each Monday. **Anna Mae Dixon** prayed for God's guidance in our studies as the school year began. **Sean Steinbach** offered a prayer for the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Kailey Smith** introduced the official Sesquicentennial Prayer, and **Noah Hammer** prayed that we would inspire others with the light and love of Christ. If you are a middle school student interested in leading the Monday Morning Prayer and Pledge, please contact [Ms. Love](#) or [Mrs. Dixon](#) for more details.

Sesquicentennial Prayer

We are blessed to celebrate our Sesquicentennial, or 150th, anniversary this year. In honor of this landmark occasion, we will pray the [official Sesquicentennial Prayer](#) on the 15th of each month and during special Sesquicentennial events. We ask that you please take a moment to offer up this prayer for the special intention of our St. Catherine's school community.

News From the Guidance Department

Seniors

Seniors are continuing to meet with counselors individually regarding post-high school planning and to discuss in more detail the information presented during our Senior Group meeting. Each student was given an informational packet during our group meeting. Please encourage your student to turn in the following items from the packet:

- White Transcript Release card
- Yellow Senior Data Sheet
- Activities List/Resume (info on pink sheet)

The Guidance department publishes **The Guidance Bulletin** on a bi-weekly basis. This bulletin contains information regarding scholarships, campus visits, program opportunities, the college application process, and much more! The Bulletins are available on the [school website](#) and are emailed directly to seniors.

We encourage seniors to continue to seek us out with questions!



Juniors

Juniors will take the PSAT test on Wednesday, October 15th, from 7:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

*This test is designed to help students assess their ability to do college work and evaluate their plans for college. The test measures verbal, mathematical, reasoning abilities, and writing skills. The test is also the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and provides practice for the SAT test required by some colleges and universities. Students received materials on September 11th. Ask your son or daughter to show you these materials. The best way to prepare for the PSAT is to study the **Prepare for the Test** pages in the **Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT** and to do the Practice Test, both of which were distributed to students. Students can also [review test format and utilize the practice test questions/tips](#) available. Register in the Main Office until October 10th. The cost is \$14.00.*

Sophomores

Sophomores will be meeting with their counselors during 1st Semester to continue to focus on academic performance, career/interest exploration, and post-high school options. Please encourage your student to see us with any questions or concerns.

Freshmen

Select freshmen students will take the ACT Aspire on October 15th from 7:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and October 17th from 12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Students who are testing were notified directly via an individual letter. The results will be calculated at the ninth grade level. The test will serve as a baseline to measure growth and proficiency throughout their high school years.

Colleges & Universities Set to Visit St. Catherine's

During the year, the Guidance Department will host admissions counselors from various colleges and universities. These college visits will take place during STEP on Tuesdays and Thursdays, unless otherwise noted. Please contact [Michelle Feick](#), Registrar, or via phone 632-2785 ext. 418 for passes to attend.

Upcoming Visits:

- October 9th – UW-Madison
- October 14th – College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University (8:45 a.m.)
- October 23rd – UW-Whitewater
- October 27th – UW-Milwaukee (11:51 a.m.)
- October 28th – Cardinal Stritch University
- November 25th – Marian University

University of Notre Dame at Divine Savior Holy Angels High School

DSHA will host the University of Notre Dame on Wednesday, October 1st, from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., for an informational session about the University. DSHA welcomes high school juniors and seniors with an interest in the University of Notre Dame to attend and learn more about the admission process. Interested students and families may register for the session [online](#).

Wisconsin Education Fair

Franklin High School, in Franklin, will host the Wisconsin Education Fair on Monday, October 6th, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Students must [pre-register](#). Students need to print out and bring a bar-coded pass to the Fair. Unable to attend on this date? Other WEF locations and times can also be found within the pre-register link.

Middle School - Upcoming Educational Program

St. Catherine's is partnering with John Paul II Academy to provide a special event for our middle school students and families. On Monday, October 13th, at 1 p.m., Mike Domitrz will present a powerful educational program called, "Can I Kiss You? Dating, Communication, Respect, and Sexual Assault Awareness," to our middle school students.

An evening program designed specifically for St. Catherine's and John Paul II parents will also be offered on Monday, October 13th, at 6 p.m., in the Foster Auditorium. [Additional details about the program can be found here.](#)

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Having trouble contacting us by phone during your work day? If so, please e-mail us:

[Ms. Kari Stankowski](#)

[Ms. Mary Thome](#)

[Ms. Marisa Williams](#)

We will also be available to meet with families during Parent or Guardian/Teacher Conferences on October 2nd, in the Guidance office.

Open House Volunteers

It's time for one of the biggest events of the year and we need your help. The admissions department is looking for parent and student volunteers to assist with Open House on Tuesday, October 21. Volunteers are needed for check-in, tours and baking. A few Spanish speaking parents are much needed for the check-in table. Please contact [Angie Peterson](#) if you are willing to help with tours or check-in from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. If you would like to provide baked goods for the refreshment table, please contact [Kory Wandrey](#) by Wednesday, October 15th.

Girls Volleyball RPAL Night

Do you coach a Racine Parochial League volleyball team? Are you interested in bringing your squad to see the Angels? Get the [details on our upcoming RPAL volleyball nights](#) and [register your team today](#). Girls RPAL Night is Thursday, October 2nd at 7 p.m.

"Why I Want to be an Angel" Video Contest

Are you a 7th or 8th grade student and love SCHS? Participate in the ["Why I Want to be an Angel" video contest](#) for your chance to win a high school scholarship. One winner in each grade will win a \$1,000 scholarship towards their freshman year. The deadline for submission is Friday, October 17th, at 3 p.m.



Fall Session of Financial Aid: New Families Only

Students looking to enroll at SCHS may apply for the [Financial Aid Program](#). More than \$900,000 in student financial aid will be provided during the next school year. Opportunities are given twice during the year to apply for aid. New families are encouraged to use the first session to apply for financial for the 2015-16 school year. The deadline is December 12th for all early applicants. The second session will begin in February 2015. This session is open to current students as well as new families who did not apply during the early session. The deadline is April 10th, 2015.

We contract with Private School Aid Service (PSAS) to process the financial aid applications and provide an objective evaluation of each family's financial need. PSAS is a nationally recognized leader in financial need evaluation services for Catholic and private schools. PSAS will provide a reasonable assessment of the ability of each family to pay for the education of the student(s) at private and independent elementary and secondary schools.

The easy-to-understand early financial aid application is available to all families with new students for the 2015-16 academic year. There is a \$30 processing fee required to apply for financial aid, payable to PSAS, using the paper copy. You also have the opportunity to [apply online](#). When you apply, be sure to enter the St. Catherine's High School code: 4919. Parents simply enter their information and pay their online application fee of \$27 via a credit card or check. Supporting documentation will need to be supplied to PSAS via fax, mail or email to complete the application. PSAS will quickly verify and process your information.

Any questions regarding the financial aid process? Contact [Kory Wandrey](#), Associate Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, at (262)833-5517.

2015-16 High School Scholarship Applications

High School scholarship applications for the 2015-16 year will be available on the [SCHS website](#) beginning October 21st. These scholarships are open to all incoming 9th graders as well as current high school students. Deadline to submit completed applications is January 9, 2015.

Contact [Kory Wandrey](#) at (262)833-5517, if you have any question regarding the High School scholarship application process.



For the most up-to-date news on all St. Catherine's sports teams follow [@Angelathletics](https://twitter.com/Angelathletics) on Twitter!

SCHS Alumni Who Have Played Sports at the Collegiate level

The SCHS Athletic department wants to highlight athletic accomplishments of our great athletic alumni. We are looking for photos of alumni who have gone on to play at the collegiate level - either in the past or still currently playing. Photos of athletic alums in action or in uniform head shots will be featured on our [athletics website](#) under the [Collegiate Angels](#) tab. Please submit photos to [Corey Scheel](#), SCHS Athletics Director.

Winter Season Sports Meeting - October 29th

All SCHS Middle and High School Winter athletes and parents, please mark your calendars now for the 2014-2015 Winter Season Sports meeting on Wednesday, October 29th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Foster Auditorium.

It is required that you attend this MANDATORY informational meeting with the Athletics Director, Athletic Trainer and the coaches, as important information regarding registration and season dates and policies will be discussed.

Winter Sports Start Dates

Middle School Boys' and Girls' RPAL Basketball*: November 3rd

Middle School Cheer*: November 3rd

**Middle School students can sign up for Basketball and Cheer on Tuesday, October 21st during STEP in the Auditorium.*

High School Girls' Basketball: November 10th

High School Boys' Basketball: November 17th

Volunteers Still Needed for Fall Athletics Season

The fall sports season is in full swing, and as our teams begin to push towards the playoffs the athletic department is still in need of volunteers for boys' and girls' volleyball and football.

If you are interested in helping with Angel athletics [you can register online today!](#)

Help Us Have a Ball!

The year's most talked about event is going to be better than ever. Why? Because we're celebrating our 150th Anniversary and we want everyone's help to make this year's Black & White Ball (March 28th) unforgettable. One of the best ways for parents to participate in our signature event is by donating an auction item. This could be offering your professional service like tax preparation, landscaping or housecleaning. Maybe you love to cook and could provide a themed dinner party for a small group. Perhaps you have a vacation home that you could offer for a long weekend getaway. It could even be giving sports memorabilia or an original piece of art by you or someone you know.

If flying solo on an auction package isn't your thing, gather strength in numbers by organizing a group gift. Last year, sophomore parent Jenny Hovan worked with the boys' volleyball families to put together the Ultimate St. Cat's Car Care Package. As a group they collected everything from floor mats to a Sirius/XM Radio subscription to gas cards, all packaged in a Cozy Coupe. Whether it's with another group of parents or working with students from your child's club or team, you can help us put together an auction catalog that will satisfy the tastes of all of our guests. Best of all, you'll be supporting your students pursuit of excellence and development of their God-given talents through their participation in student activities and athletics.

To submit a gift for the Black & White Ball, just complete the [online form](#) with all of the pertinent details. For those who would like to get more involved in securing auction items with our Acquisitions Sub-Committee, please contact [Raechel Bartel](#). With your help we can offer an extracurricular program that inspires the minds and spirits of all of our Angels!

