



Catholic High *Parent Newsletter*

For the Parents and Guardians of *The Catholic High School of Baltimore* Students

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From Dr. Barbara D. Nazelrod '68, President

The words *Empowerment of Women* are well-known to the young women of Catholic High who fill our classrooms and halls each day. They are also familiar to those who know our Mission Statement or discover it on our website. It is no secret that an education at Catholic High is an empowering experience.

Members of our faculty and staff bring to life these words of our Mission Statement in lessons, special assemblies and programs, and in their daily interactions with our students. All of us share in the commitment to empower our young women through their education at Catholic High.

This means that we work to actively engage our students in their education and to lead them to their potential, a process that does not end with a Catholic High diploma. It becomes a way of thinking and doing, a way of interpreting life experiences and facing challenges with confidence and good decision-making skills in order to be successful. Being empowered as young women also means being capable of going through life embracing the inherent value of education with its many life-long benefits.

Receiving a quality secondary education in the Franciscan tradition includes countless opportunities for service, growth and leadership for all of our young women at Catholic High. A student becomes fully invested in her school by being involved, which in turn, is empowering in a variety of ways.

I hope you experience a sense of pride that your daughter has the opportunity to be and feel empowered by her education at Catholic High. There is no greater gift a parent can give than the gift of an education that will endure a lifetime. I commend you for your support of your daughter who will assume her place in society by being very well prepared because of her daily educational experiences at Catholic High.

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From Mrs. Marti Meyd, Principal

The calendar may say January but plans are in full swing for the 2012-2013 school year. In February your daughters will register for their classes for the upcoming school year. They received their course booklets on January 19. Please look over this booklet with your daughter and utilize our Guidance Office for any assistance you might need in the decision making process. These are important decisions that will assist us in formulating schedules for all students. We are also working on our 2012-2013 school calendar and will make sure to get that information to you as soon as it is finalized.

We still need to keep our focus on the current year and it is with great pride that I report that as of the publication of this newsletter our seniors have received almost two million dollars in scholarship money and have been accepted to thirty-five different institutions of higher learning. This is quite an accomplishment for this early in the year. Most students will not receive their acceptance letters until the spring so we will keep you posted as the numbers increase. Please stop by my office to watch the list of acceptances grow!

February is also the time that we begin sending out acceptance letters for our upcoming freshman class. If you know someone interested in Catholic High or has already applied, it would be helpful for you to contact that person and welcome any questions they may have. Our current families are our greatest source of public relations. You know the impact that Catholic High has had on your daughter during these critical developmental years so you are the perfect person to sing our praises.

On a personal note I would like to thank all of you for your support during my transition as your new principal. It has been such a joy to get to know all of our families. Your daughters brighten my days and bring many smiles to my face on a daily basis. I know that I have a second home here at Catholic High, and for this I thank you!

Sincerely,

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From Mrs. Jan Bandzwolek, Vice Principal

This is the time of the year when we, as educators, feel that we are being pulled in two directions. As we prepare for next school year, we also have to keep our focus on the many important events that lie ahead for the second semester of this year.

As we begin this second semester, be sure to check your school calendar so that you are aware of important academic and social dates. With proms right around the corner, it is never too early to begin planning for the expenses that the prom will entail. Please be especially attentive to the calendar dates that indicate "formal uniform" as these are days when disciplinary action may result if students are not in compliance.

Hopefully, our sophomores are getting excited about the Sophomore Dance which will be held on Friday, March 16, 2012. This is their first semi-formal Catholic High dance and it is always enjoyable to work with them as they prepare for this event. I will be meeting with the sophomores in late February to review the expectations that we have for them that evening in terms of dress and behavior. Your daughter may bring a male guest to the dance or she may come alone. Trust me; our girls have a great time with one another so there is no pressure to have a date that evening!

In March, I will meet with the juniors to discuss the Junior Prom which is scheduled for Friday, April 27, 2012 at the Sparrows Point Country Club. Although our juniors are certainly aware of our expectations for dress and behavior, we always like to review and reinforce the expectations with them. We ask that you, as parents, review and support our expectations, as well. I am always proud when people compliment our students' dress and behavior, but there is an occasional dress that is too short or too revealing. Please remember that your daughters are representing not only themselves, but *The Catholic High School of Baltimore*.

I will meet with the seniors at the beginning of April. They will receive a detailed packet of information that covers all end of year activities. This information will also be available to you electronically. It is extremely important that you review this material and highlight important dates as it will include information about prom, exams, graduation, and awards assemblies.

Please know that I am always available to speak with you by phone or in person if you have concerns about your daughter or our school policies.

I am looking forward to a great second semester.

From Mrs. Kari McBride, Athletic Director

Congratulations to our Fall Sport IAAM All-Stars:

Ellie Gonzalez - *Cross Country*
Nicole Broccolino - *Volleyball*
Brittany Winborne - *Volleyball*
Alexis Siejack - *Soccer*
Annie Turcea - *Field Hockey*
Molly McElroy - *Field Hockey*

Spring Sport try-outs will be held February 21-24. Spring sports include: Golf, softball, lacrosse, and track and field.

The Booster Club Fisher's Popcorn sale begins February 3. Please support our Athletic Department by purchasing popcorn.

Good luck to our winter athletes as they continue through the season. Check out the school website for game locations and times. GO CUBS!

From the Business Office

The deadline for current students to register for the 2012-2013 school year is Wednesday, February 29, 2012. The fee for registrations received on, or before, this date is \$150. The fee for registrations received after this date is \$200. Please take advantage of the \$50 savings and register early!!

Remember, once you have registered, the FACTS Company will automatically set you up in their 2012-2013 Tuition Payment Plan.

The Business Office can be reached at 410-732-6200 ext. 226 or 211 to answer your questions.

From the After-Prom Committee

The 2012 After-Prom Committee would like to thank everyone who has supported our fundraisers this year. All proceeds will go directly to the cost of the After-Prom Party.

Please help support the Class of 2012 by participating in the remaining fundraisers:

- *Frank's Pizza Night* (6620 Belair Road) - Thursday, February 16 from 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.
- *Longaberger/Vera Bradley Bingo* (Catholic High) - Friday, March 23 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

For more information contact Nancy Lawrence at - nbcsslawrence@comcast.net.

From the Guidance Department

Final application deadlines for many colleges are approaching. We remind you that seniors must submit their transcript requests at least two weeks before the deadline date to ensure timely mailing of these documents. Acceptance letters and scholarship awards are also coming in for many seniors. We would appreciate it if your daughter would bring in her letters so we can copy them and share in her good news!

By the time you receive this, all sophomores and juniors will have received the results of the PSAT testing which took place in October. If you have not yet seen these results, please ask your daughter for them. If your daughter has misplaced her copy, please contact us. We can supply you with an additional copy. Please also feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the interpretation of scores and their significance.

A note to Junior parents: SAT Prep is a required course for graduation, and is generally taken during the first or second semester of junior year. Some juniors opted this year to take another academic course in lieu of SAT Prep, and they will need to take the course in an out-of-school setting in order to satisfy our graduation requirements. Please contact the Guidance Office if your daughter is in this position. We can provide some options that will satisfy the requirement.

From the Parent Guild

Parent Guild Pick 3 Raffle - Tuesday, February 21 - Monday, March 5. \$1.00 donation winners are pulled from the evening lottery. This money goes to fund events for the students, as well as helping the school.

Sophomore Dance - The Parent Guild needs Freshman Parent Volunteers to help with Sophomore Dance. If you can help, please contact Lisa Kane at clkane@cablespeed.com.

Senior Dinner - The Parent Guild also needs Junior parents to plan and work the Senior Dinner in May. Please contact Dawn Borowy at dawn.borowy@gmail.com if you can help with this event.

Elections for next school year are fast approaching. The majority of our board are Senior parents. If you are interested in a position on the Parent Guild Executive Board, please attend our meetings for more information. Our meetings are held in the DeCarlo Library, the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

***From Ms. Dori DiVenti,
Director of Institutional Advancement***

This year's annual fund, "Empowering Women to Make a Difference," is our focus for the remainder of the school year. We are striving to make contact with all of our alumnae, parents, parents of alumnae, grandparents, and friends of Catholic High to encourage them to continue to invest in our future through their annual fund contributions. Increasing participation is an important aspect of the campaign. If you have not contributed, there is still time. The campaign ends on June 30, 2012. Contributions can be made on-line at www.thecatholichighschool.org.

On Friday, November 11, 2011 our Annual Gala, "An Evening in Paris," was held. Guests spent the first hour socializing and making contacts with old friends. A short program recognized and thanked the Table Sponsors: Correct RX Pharmacy Services, Inc., Family Respiratory & Medical Supply Corporation, Harvest Investment Consultants, Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, and Tim's Automotive & Towing Services. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone who helped to make this event a success: The Gala Committee, the Catholic High Board of Trustees, parents, alumnae, student volunteers, ad journal patrons, auction donors, and the faculty and staff. It could not have happened without you! For those who were not able to attend, please take a moment to look at the pictures of the event located on our website.

As you know, this year the 21 Club Raffle was a required student fundraiser. Our goal was to sell 1,000 tickets by November 18 to be awarded a school holiday on Monday, November 28. Thank you so much for helping to reach that goal! Raffle winners will be posted on our website and promoted in our weekly Parent Update E-Newsletter. This will be an annual required student fundraiser and the dollars raised will help to support various school priorities, such as financial aid, special projects, and operational needs.

We hope you will mark your calendar and join us for the following upcoming events:

WINE TASTING - March 25, 2012

SPRING FLING – May 4, 2012

GOLF OUTING – June 25, 2012

If you have any questions or are interested in getting involved with any of our events, please feel free to contact me.

Special thanks for all that you do for Catholic High!

Sincerely,
Dori DiVenti
Director of Institutional Advancement

From Dr. Barbara D. Nazelrod '68, President

So when you see and hear the words, "Catholic High, empowering women since 1939," know that your daughter joins 13,000 women who have learned, lived, and grown in the classrooms of our school during its remarkable 73-year history. Be confident that she is receiving an education for a lifetime.

With gratitude to you for the gift of education you are giving your daughter, I ask God to bless you and your families.

Most sincerely,

Barbara D. Nazelrod, Ph.D. '68
President

