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A Monthly E-Publication Featuring People, News, and Events In & Around Pallotti High School

We've got spirit, yes we do!



If it's Wednesday, it must be Character Day! Such is the tradition of Spirit Week here at St. Vincent Pallotti High School where students dress according to daily themes all in building up to this weekend's Homecoming game and dance.

Monday was "Class Color Day" (senior Joe Dirks is pictured at left in "senior red") and Tuesday was "Decade Day." Thursday is slated as "Wacky Tacky Day" and finally on Friday students will wear the school colors for the pep rally.

The week is capped off by Friday night's Homecoming games at Fairland Field (free of charge) and the Homecoming Dance on Saturday night.

For Pallotti alumni, Alumni Director Mrs. Sue Wiedel will be the host at the Alumni Homecoming Tent at the football game on Friday night and will have a "goodie bag" to hand out to all alums.

GO PANTHERS!

Efforts to secure new field recognized

Due to the heroic efforts of members of both the Pallotti and local communities, the Panthers have had a beautiful new playing field to call home this season. Use of a brand new field at Fairland Regional Park is an exciting step forward according to

Athletic Director Steve Walker.

"We are so glad to have the opportunity to be able to play on such a nice field," said Mr. Walker. "We are so appreciative of those people who helped make this happen."

At a recent home football game, a halftime ceremony was held to honor all those who were involved in the process (see picture below).



Pictured above: John and Felicia Anna, Vice-Chairman of the County Council Tom Dernoga, President/Principal Steve Edmonds, Athletic Director Steve Walker

Senior named to Fellowship Program



Pallotti senior and bassist Nina DeCesare was, for the the second year in a row, selected into the National Symphony Orchestra Youth Fellowship Program.

Students who participate in the program receive private lessons with a NSO musician on a scholarship basis, attend rehearsals and concerts, and perform in master classes and recitals at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Congratulations to Nina on this tremendous honor!

Crab Feast draws record crowd



Over 500 members of the extended Pallotti family enjoyed all-you-can-eat crabs, shrimp, and Red, Hot & Blue barbeque at this year's Crab Feast on September 19.

"We were overjoyed by the tremendous response from the Pallotti community," said Assistant Director for Advancement Mrs. Nina Gass, the event's chief organizer. "We heard from many of those who attended that this year's Crab Feast was the best ever!"

In addition to all of the delicious food, the event also featured a Casino Night which was held in the Abell Multipurpose Room.

We wish to extend a special thanks to all the volunteers who helped put on this very successful event.

Admissions offers application waiver

Sensitive to the challenges facing families in today's economic times and hoping to encourage more students to explore the value of a Pallotti education, St. Vincent Pallotti High School will be waiving the usual \$100 application fee for any student who either attends the school's Open House or makes a "shadow visit" by attending a day of school with a current Pallotti student.

"St. Vincent Pallotti has always thought of itself as a close-knit family, and families

help each other during times of difficulty," said Pallotti President/Principal Mr. Stephen J. Edmonds. "With that spirit in mind, this new program will help people become familiar with what a great school Pallotti is for our youth and how academically, spiritually and in all aspects of their life we promote excellence"

For more information on Pallotti's application waiver program, please visit the school's website at www.PallottiHS.org and click on Admissions. Parents who would like to schedule a shadow visit for their children, may do so online or by calling the school's Office of Admissions at 301-725-3228, extension 208.



Recent alum wins national recognition



Michael Criscuoli, a member of Pallotti's most recent graduating class, has been named as the 2008-09 NASPAA (National Association of Sports Public Address Announcers) National High School Student Public Address Announcer of the Year.

Upon receiving this award, Michael said, "When I learned that I was the recipient of this amazing award, I was surprised, shocked, and speechless. To be considered the best high school student announcer in the country is truly an honor. I want to thank so many people for this award -- my family, my Athletic Director Mr. Steve Walker, and my mentor Mr. Paul O'Brien."

Michael's award is highlighted in a video that can be seen on YouTube.com by clicking on this [link](#).

Avenue banners celebrate students

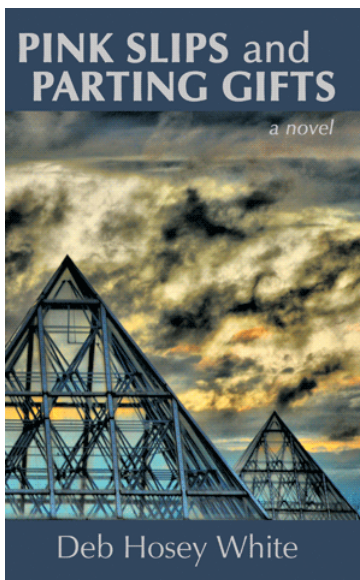


Twenty-two new avenue banners were recently attached to the 11 lightposts in front of the school. These beautiful banners, which were designed by Pallotti alumnus Mrs. Tina Hyatt (class of '95), celebrate the varied talents of our students and the school's themes of tradition, excellence, and community.

Sixteen streaming banners also now hang in the window wells in the school's cafeteria, the Abell Multi-purpose Room.

Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Hyatt and Mr. Gary Grant who hung the various banners.

Taylor Teodosio designs book cover



Recent graduate Taylor Teodosio, a member of Pallotti's class of 2009 and recipient of the school's Digital Photography award, had the honor of having one of his photographs used as the cover photo for a recently published novel.

The novel, which was written by Deb Hosey White, is currently for sale both online and in bookstores such as Barnes & Noble.

When he's not making himself famous with his photography, Taylor attends classes as a freshman at Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C. where he also plays lacrosse.

While at Pallotti, Taylor was an outstanding student in Ms. Sharon Sefton's Digital Photography class.

Freshmen Grandparents Day on Oct. 29



Pallotti is proud to announce its first annual Grandparents Day to be held on Thursday, October 29, 2009. The school is welcoming the grandparents of our freshmen students to join us for a tour of the building, parts of two classes of their grandchild's schedule, and a light brunch.

If your child's grandparent(s) would like to attend, please contact Sue Wiedel at swiedel@pallottihs.org or 301-725-3228 x221. Further information is also available on the school website at www.pallottihs.org.

Newspaper class unveils online edition



One of the additions to the curriculum this year was a newspaper production class. Course instructor Ms. Emily McAllen announced this morning the launching of the online edition of the paper, the *Pallotti Seeker*.

Check it out online at the link below:

www.pallottiseeker.com

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