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NEWS FLASH: Pallotti Teachers of Year Announced!

Every year, the Archdiocese of Washington, in conjunction with the High Schools Principals Association (HSPA), recognizes both a veteran teacher (five or more years of service) and a new teacher (four or less years of service) from each of the area's Catholic high schools. Pallotti is proud to announce the two winners from our school this year:

VETERAN TEACHER: Sandra Bock, Foreign Language



A veteran of teaching in the Archdiocese of Washington since 1965, Ms. Sandra Boch has spent the last 20 years "bringing alive" the Spanish culture and language to students here at Pallotti.

"Sandy is not only excited and dedicated to her curriculum, but she also brings an enthusiasm to her students about the Spanish language," says Pallotti President/Principal Mr. Steve Edmonds. "She brings it alive to her students each and every day."

Congratulations to Sandy for being recognized as Pallotti's Veteran Teacher of the Year!

NEW TEACHER: Mary Abdo, Religion Department



After 15 years away from teaching, Mrs. Mary Abdo decided to return to the profession three years ago when she was offered the opportunity to join the Religion Department here at Pallotti. Her students are sure glad that she did.

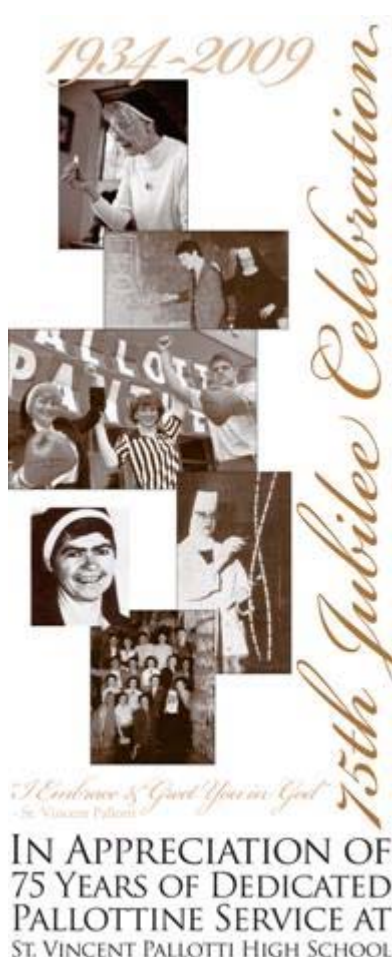
Pallotti Campus Minister Nancy Vawter is glad too: "Her strength is her passion and conviction in sharing her faith and creating a challenging academic environment for her students."

"I think the tight community here at Pallotti is what keeps teachers here," says Mary. "I love being part of the Religion

Department, it's all been very exciting."

Congratulations to Mary as our New Teacher of the Year.

Pallottine Sisters celebrate 75th Jubilee at Pallotti



Highlighting St. Vincent Pallotti Week (January 20-23) here at school this year was the unveiling of a large 4' x 10' banner which celebrated the 75th Jubilee of the Pallottine Sisters service to the school.

On Friday of the week, Washington Auxiliary Bishop Martin D. Holley celebrated Mass for the entire community and then attended a small luncheon in the Sister Lucy Lobby during which the banner was unveiled.

In an article about St. Vincent Pallotti Week in a recent edition of the Catholic Standard, Pallotti's Sponsorship Director, Sister Karen Lester gives her thought about the week:

Pallottine Sister Karen, a teacher and tutor at the school since 1960, said Pallotti Week is very helpful in explaining St. Vincent's charisma to the students. "It has expanded," Sister Karen said, "it is much better, much more vibrant now."

Click on the link below to read the full article from the Catholic Standard:

[Catholic Standard Article on Pallotti Week](#)

Pallotti cafeteria to go 'cashless' beginning in March



Beginning March 3, students at Pallotti will be offered an exciting new option of paying for their lunch each day in the cafeteria.

Pallotti families will be able to set up an account for their son or daughter and be able to deposit money into that account. When checking out for their purchases each day, students will be identified within the system by their fingerprint.

"Colleges have used a similar card system for years," says Pallotti's Assistant Principal for

Operations, Mr. Rick Diggs. "For us, the main benefit is the convenience for the parents in not having to worry about giving cash every day to their kids." According to Mr. Diggs, the new system will also help alleviate time students spend in line and with inventory.

Library Club partners with Lubuto Library Project



The Pallotti Library Club is an educational partner with the Lubuto Library Project, which builds beautiful libraries for the most vulnerable children of Zambia, Africa. Living in a country devastated by epidemics, many of these children are orphans and do not attend school.

The libraries, built in the indigenous architectural style of the country, provide wonderful collections of donated nearly-new books and, much more, a clean and very attractive space for kids and teens to hang out and have adult and peer contact. Last year the Pallotti Library Club collected 100 useable

books and nearly \$500.

This year the Pallotti Challenge is "one person, one book" where the club is asking each member of the faculty, staff, and student body to donate only one beautiful book that they are no longer using from their bookshelves at home. They are also collecting change to donate. The book and change drive will end Friday, February 6. For questions, contact the librarian, Ms. Siegel, at 301-725-3228, Ext. 219

Softball coaching staff offers winter skills clinic



The coaching staff of the Pallotti Softball team is offering a clinic for players in grades six through eight, February 15 and 22 here at Pallotti.

The clinic will cover defensive techniques, throwing instruction, and hitting instruction. Leading the instruction will be the *Baltimore Sun's* 2008 Coach of the Year, Pallotti's own Paul O'Brien.

For more information, please contact Paul O'Brien at pobrien@pallottihs.org

2009 Spring Spectacular

Donate an item today or win a free tuition!



Pallotti's 2009 Spring Spectacular Live & Silent Auction, *an Evening on the Emerald Isle*, is fast approaching (March 14 at Ten Oaks Ballroom in Clarksville).

The Procurement Committee is eagerly accepting item donations for both the live and silent auctions. Raffle tickets are also now on sale to win a free tuition for the 2009-2010 school year or \$10,000.

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