



St. Vincent Pallotti High School E-Newsletter

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

Junior Nina DeCesare Performs at Kennedy Center



Junior **Nina DeCesare** (shown at left playing the string bass) performed at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage Recital on October 17. Nina was also one of two Pallotti students to play at the school's Leadership Dinner on October 8.

Earlier in the year, Pallotti had been informed by the National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) that Nina had been selected into the NSO Youth Fellowship Program for the 2008-09 season. Participants in the program receive private lessons with a National Symphony Orchestra musician on a scholarship basis, attend rehearsals and concerts, and perform in master classes and recitals at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Click [HERE](#) to watch Nina's performance at the October 17th Recital at the Kennedy Center!

Leadership Dinner Kicks-Off 2008-09 Annual Fund Appeal



On Wednesday, October 8, St. Vincent Pallotti High School took the opportunity to once again thank our major donors from last year and at the same time kicked off our 2008-09 Annual Fund appeal with the school's first annual Leadership Dinner.

Over 70 members of the Pallotti family shared a fine meal and heard compelling talks by Board Chairman **Brian MacLean '85** and President/Principal **Steve Edmonds** (both pictured at left). One of the highlights of the evening was a 10-minute film entitled "What Makes Pallotti a Special Place." The film was produced by current seniors **Michael Marks, Zach Passmore, and Taylor Teodosio**.

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Pallotti Students Recognized for Academic Achievements



Pallotti seniors **Danika Allen, Laila Anthony, and Lauren Daly** (pictured at left) have been named Outstanding Participants in the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

These students scored in the top 4 percent nationally of more than 150,000 African-Americans who took the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The National Achievement Scholarship Program was initiated in 1964 specifically to honor academically promising African-American high school students.

Eight Pallotti students have also been recognized as Maryland Distinguished Scholars, securing Honorable Mention in the Achievement Category. They are **Danika Allen, Laila Anthony, Allison Arnold, Emily Brant, Michael Florenzo, Sunaina Kumar, Theresa Lamirande, and Shannon O'Brien.**

Senior Luke Neitzke Offered Appointment at Naval Academy



Senior **Luke Matthias Neitzke** was recently honored with an appointment to the United States Naval Academy as a member of the Class of 2013.

Luke was congratulated on his fine record here at Pallotti by Vice Admiral J. L. Fowler, Superintendent of the Naval Academy (which is located in nearby Annapolis).

Luke now has the opportunity to join the ranks of more than 72,000 men and women who have attended the Naval Academy, including one President, 21 members of Congress, 73 Medal of Honor recipients, and two Nobel Prize winners.

Congratulations Luke!

Students Celebrate School Spirit During Homecoming Week



Pallotti senior **Gabrielle Eldridge** (with ball) gets a hug from a teammate after scoring the winning touchdown during the senior vs. junior powder puff football game which is one of the highlights of Homecoming/Spirit Week here at school.

At the Pep Rally on Friday, October 17, President/Principal **Steve Edmonds** awarded the Senior Class the Spirit Trophy for their outstanding school spirit. The week culminated with the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 18.

Athletic Hall of Fame Inducts Class of 2008 at Ceremony



Over 125 members of the Pallotti community attended the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, held here at school on Saturday, October 25. Twelve individuals and the entire 1989 varsity football team were honored as inductees.

Among those honored was the Class of 1989's **Ron Rowe** (pictured at left), who is now with the United States Secret Service as a Lead Advance Agent for the Presidential Advance Teams. While at Pallotti, Ron starred in both football and lacrosse.

Also inducted were **Kenneth Burdette '97, Lauren Flannery '80, Paul Jennings '98, Kristen Painter '88, Kennedy Rice '90, Carly Silver-Glover '03, Rick Smith '98, Brett Spalding '90, Kris Weaver '98, Robert Windsor, Sr. and Robert Windsor, Jr. '90.**

Many thanks to Athletic Director **Steve Walker** and the Selection Committee for putting together such a memorable evening!

Making Beautiful Music on Some Atlantic Ocean Waves!

Pallotti's Band Director **Niko Iampieri** seems to fit the profile of a true "Renaissance Man." When he isn't helping to mold the talents of the

school's many fine musicians, Niko can be found riding the waves of the Atlantic.

In the picture on the left, Niko is seen going airborne above the waves at Assateague Island, Maryland.

Catch Niko back on land on December 17 as he directs Pallotti's band at the annual Christmas Concert.

Boy's Cross Country Team Sprints to 10-3 Record



Under the leadership of Head Coach **Tommy Owens** and Assistant Coach **David Tenney**, the Pallotti boy's Cross Country team has run out to a record of 10-3 and is setting their sites on competing for a league title on Wednesday, November 5.

Leading the team into the league championships at Oregon Ridge in Cockeysville are the team's top runners, seniors **Colin Douville** and **Luke Neitzke**, and sophomore **John Chenault**.

Dear Reader,

We hope you enjoyed the October edition of our e-newsletter! We enthusiastically invite your submissions on members of the Pallotti family who are making news here at school and in the larger community beyond our walls. Send your emails to my attention at jmccall@pallottihs.org.

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