



Catholic Schools Week is here

by Hannah Hartley

Celebrate Service with us during Catholic Schools Week, January 25 -31, 2009. There are events every day of Catholic Schools Week. The theme is Celebrate Service. Did you ever wonder what is the purpose of Butler Catholic Schools Week celebration?

The purpose of Catholic Schools Week is to build community awareness of, and involvement in, Catholic schools throughout the country. During that week, many dioceses and schools encourage parents to take full advantage of the benefits of local Catholic schools by enrolling their children in those schools. Did you wonder how long Catholic Schools Week has been celebrated?

Catholic Schools Week has been celebrated since 1974. That is 35 years! Did you ever wonder who sponsors Catholic Schools Week? NCEA (National Catholic Educational Association) and USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) sponsor Catholic Schools, and the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Now that you have read all about Catholic Schools Week, you are probably wondering what is going on during Catholic Schools Week. Be sure to look at the schedule found on the last page of this issue!



New Student Council members introduced

by: Kendall Graham

Student Council members were introduced at the whole school Mass on October 3, 2008. The Student Council President is Szalay Miller, Vice President is Angela McKnight, Secretary is Dana DePaulo, Student Activities Director is Christa Lewis, and Sargent of Arms is Nate Morgus.

4th grade through 8th have homeroom representatives. 4th grade reps are Will Morgus, Amara Dorcy, Eric Homa, and Morgan Keelan. 5th grade reps are Tori VanGorder, Brock Greci, and Josh Boyer. 6th grade reps are Anna Swartwout, Kendall Graham, and Nick Greci. 7th grade reps are Stephanie Canteno, Chris Gamble, and Tyler Protivank. 8th grade reps are Molly Moses, Elizabeth LeMay, and Eva Kernic.

The Student Council meets every other Wednesday after school. The goal of the Student Council is to raise money for our school and for certain charities. The Student Council is moderated by Mrs. Moran, Mrs. Chobot, Mrs. Spino, and Mrs. Hinterlang.

Some activities that the Student Council has sponsored are the "Stuco News" bulletin board, Kindergarten-4th movie days, 5th and 6th have socials while the 7th and 8th grade have dances. Other activities are Jeans Days, Dress-up Days, Candygrams sold at Christmas time, and fundraising projects for the Chimbote, Peru Mission.

See who's hopping today

by Maggie Moses

Did you ever walk into the Gym and see over 30 people hopping? On November 3rd people in Physical Education in every grade hopped for people that had Muscular Dystrophy.

Students collected money that was donated for research. When you hop you get a feeling of what it's like to have Muscular Dystrophy. People usually get it at an early age. They have Summer Camps that help people with Muscular Dystrophy. We hopped for a good cause!





Students Respond to Locks of Love Survey by Mara Keep

Locks of Love is a program that can help people with cancer and at least 7 Butler Catholic students have done just that. According to a survey conducted among the students it was learned that it can be hard to do but can help people.

When a girl grows more than 10 inches of hair she can get it cut and donate it to Locks of Love. They will make a wig for a child with cancer. It is a nonprofit organization. You can really make someone's life better. A child will be grateful for your donation of hair. So if you are thinking about it, it's a great program to donate to! Visit their website at www.locksoflove.org.

A 6th grader, Hannah Keep said, "I felt like my hair was way too short after I got it cut but it was a good thing because it will go to somebody with no hair at all."

Third grader Emily Hegedus says, "I could not stop touching my hair. It felt good to do something like that for someone."

Use your brain by Will Morgus

"Wow, where am I supposed to go?" is a common first impression when seeing about 300 kids in a gymnasium. Another common question from people who weren't at this event before would be "Where do you find 300 kids in a gymnasium?"

On Saturday, November 8, 2008, the Challenge of Champions took place here at Butler Catholic. Challenge of Champions is a day of problem solving events where students team up with students from other schools to score points and build team spirit through good sportsmanship. They solve the math, reading, and physical challenges presented to them. This year's theme was Cryptic Capers.



There are 2 age groups, one is 4th - 6th grades and the other is 7th and 8th grades. Around 300 kids from 10 nonpublic schools in grades 4-8 participated, 42 of them were from Butler Catholic. There were 7 events. The first event was at 8:30 A.M. and the awards ceremony was at 2:30 P.M. 6th grader Anna Swartwout said "It was a lot of fun and I met new people from other schools." Challenge of Champions is a puzzling, mind-boggling, and fun event.

Fifth Graders Graduate from D.A.R.E. by Sarah Dodd

On the 8th of December in the gym, the 5th grade graduated from the D.A.R.E program. The D.A.R.E program is about teaching kids about drugs and about how they effect your health. Lieutenant Karenbauer was teaching the 5th graders about drug abuse. He came every Monday for 12 weeks. The 5th grade got diplomas and there was a winner for a D.A.R.E essay. Parents and friends came and watched the graduation.

5th grade students were saying how much they enjoyed the D.A.R.E program and loved Lieutenant Karenbauer as their teacher. Remember to be drug free, it's the best way to be!

Guess Who?

It is a game for the students to guess what teacher the little known facts are about. Try to guess which teacher these facts are about.

Who am I?

Teacher #1

1. I play the organ.
2. I was a newspaper editor in high school.
3. I like to bake, especially sugar cookies.

Teacher #2

1. My wedding gown had an attached hood.
2. My favorite beach vacation is Hilton Head, South Carolina.
3. I met my best friend at Butler Jr. High School in my 7th grade gym class (Many, many years ago).

Answers on the last page!

From our principal:

As you read this edition of our BC Buzz, one word comes to mind –BUSY!!! Thinking about it, that's what everybody was – busy using the gifts that our Provident God has given to each one of us. Thank you, my friends, for being faithful students.

I get to write my article after the history making day – the inauguration of our 44th President. His words challenge us to be responsible citizens – citizens of our country AND citizens of our God. Can we truly do it – be it? In the words of St. Paul, "All things are possible with God." Let us turn to Him daily in our busy lives and ask His help and guidance to be faithful, responsible citizens.

- *Sister John Ann*



Winter Poetry Contest Winners



All about December

We are skating all around in town.
We are happy my pappy is happy too.
The cat is sleeping on a mat.
Christmas is near and we will have presents!

By: *Jasmine Nelson*
Grade 2

Winter

Winter is a time of year
When snow falls down just right here.
I love snow
Would like to know
How winter came here.
It was a stormy night
With kids in fright
And then it started to snow
Then it started to glow.
We had no sun
But we still had fun
In that winter snow.
Snowflakes fall
And I think that's all.

By: *Morgan Keelan*
Grade 4



Playing in the Snow

Snowflakes falling all around.
On the trees and on the ground.
It looks so pretty and bright.
It makes me feel just right.

Catching snowflakes on our tongues.
Makes me feel so young.
I love playing in the snow.
The time goes fast not slow.

Playing in the snow feels like I'm in heaven,
By the time I'm done it's already seven.
This time of the year is the best.
But now I think I need a rest.

By: *Eva Kernic*
Grade 8



Robo-tics Rules by Jared Titley

At the competition on December 6, 2008, at Carnegie Robotics Consortium in Lawrenceville, Butler Catholic Robo-tics had their best year yet! The theme was Climate Connection Acid Rain. The Robotics changed their names to the Robo -Tics

The best results were 7th out of 72. They came in 11th place in Hardware, Software-14th, Directors Award-19th, Research - 27th, and Competition - 34th. Team members are Kyle Boyer, Tyler Protivnak, Dan Cleary, Matt Patterson, Levi Leyland, Olivia Weist, Brittany Slupe, Elizabeth LeMay, and Emma Preston. Mrs. Jayne Chobot is the teacher coach. The program requires students to come together for an intense, high-energy program of building Lego robots that will respond according to the criteria set for judging.

Geography Bee still flying

by Sarah Dodd



In the first week in January, 5th through 8th grade students who registered participated in a Geography Bee sponsored by the National Geographic Society. 6th grader, Nick Roth, won the school-level competition on January 8th. The school-level Geography Bee students answered oral questions on geography. Nick Roth will continue to the next round, which is a written state qualifying test. Also 5th grader, Armand Cingolani, won the 5th grade Bee. Mrs. Bart is the teacher coach for the Bee. Congratulations to all who participated in this Bee and to our winners. Let's hope that Nick brings home a win for BCS. Thank you, Mrs. Bart for this experience. Hopefully we'll have another one soon with as great a turnout as this one.



Making music by Madeline Fox

The Christmas Concert was in December. The Blue Band performed Hot Cross Buns, Rolling Along, and Jingle Bells for the concert. The Gold Band presented their Honors Band students. The school concert was on Dec.17, 2008. They did a great job and sounded better than ever.

Congratulations to the following students who made Diocesan Honors Band: Elizabeth LeMay, Ansu Benjamin, Emily Feczko, Kendall Graham, on flute, Emma Preston, Brittney Slupe, on clarinet, and Derrick Andreassi, on trumpet.



Our school is cool!



Teachers sport school holiday shirts to show their spirit. Left to right: Miss Fisher, Mrs. Walls, Mrs. Hinterlang, Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Cupps, Mrs. Watson.

January Events:

- 25-Catholic Schools Week Opening Liturgy at all Parishes
- Open house for new Families 2:30-4:00pm
- 26-Junior Achievement Education Day 9:00am-2:00pm
- 27-World in Motion Skimmer Race
- 28-Kids on the Block Pre K-Kindergarten at 9:30am Grades 1-4 at 1:00pm
- 29-Grandparents Day 9:00-10:30am
- Whole School Liturgy, 1:15
- Thinking Cap/PTG Game Night 7-8:30pm Auditorium
- 30-Talent Show 12:45pm
- 31 - BCS Basketball Games – 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM
- BC Challenge 7/8 grades only. 9:00pm-8:00am

February Events

- 4 – E.G.G.S. 7:00 PM
- 14 – Forensics at Assumption
- 15 – St. Paul Spirit Day 2
- 16 – No school – Presidents Day
- 18 – 7/8th grades Science Fair
- 20 – Eyes Jones Assembly
- 21 – PJAS at Slippery Rock
- 25 – ASH WEDNESDAY
- 27 – Noon dismissal – Faculty inservice

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Guess who answers:

- #1-Mrs. Chobot
- #2-Mrs. Spino