

INSIDE SPELLMAN

CARDINAL SPELLMAN HIGH SCHOOL'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the President,

It is hard to believe that the 2009-2010 school year is almost over and that we are already looking forward to a very special 2010-2011 school year. We know that the next few years are going to be an exciting time to be a student at Cardinal Spellman!

In the year ahead, we will have expanded course offerings, increased opportunities to use technology and the beginning of some major building projects. We are very excited about the future of Spellman and you and your child will be a very important part of that future. As always, our goal is to give all of our students the best academic, spiritual, athletic and extracurricular experiences possible in order to prepare them for college and their futures in the 21st Century.

More than ever, we want to request that parents get involved in Spellman. We will be looking for your advice and your help in many ways. For us to reach our goals, we will need to form a strong partnership with all of our parents. However, instead of waiting until the school year begins, we would like to have a preliminary meeting for parents of all incoming students from grades nine to twelve on Thursday, May 13, at 7: 00 p.m. This special Parents Connection Meeting will be in the school's auditorium.

The meeting will be an opportunity to hear your goals and concerns for Spellman and an opportunity to share our vision and needs with you. It will help us to set a direction for the 2010-2011 school year and give you a preview of our plans for the New Spellman.

We need your help! Please try to join us for this very important organizational meeting of the Parents Connection Thursday, May 13, at 7: 00 p.m. We look forward to working with you.

A Message from the Principal

As we begin the month of May, we place all of our intentions, hopes and needs in Mary's hands during this month dedicated to her.

We pray especially for the members of our senior class, the class of 2010, that God will bless them and continue to nurture them with His gifts. Parents of seniors will be receiving a letter indicating events, times etc. We are very grateful to our senior parents

for their support and their commitment to Cardinal Spellman during these past four years and we look forward to celebrating the successes of your sons and daughters.

And as always, I encourage you, parents of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors, to contact any of us at Spellman when you have questions or concerns. As always we appreciate any feedback that you can give us.

From the Assistant Principal's Office

SENIOR USED BOOK SALES

Juniors who are interested in buying used books from seniors should make private arrangements.

If you are unable to do this, seniors who have used books will be available on May 26th at 5:00 to sell their books to interested students in the Caf. Varsity Books will also have a representative available to buyback books from seniors who are unable to sell them to juniors.

SENIOR FINAL EXAMS

Exams will begin on Friday May 14th and continue through Wednesday May 19th.

Seniors must be in school at 7:45 for exams unless they have been exempted.

Each day graduation practice will take place from 10:55 to approximately 12:30.

Seniors MUST be present for graduation practice each day.

SOPHOMORES – CLASS TRIP – WHALE WATCH

The sophomore class trip will be Friday May 21st. We will be going on a whale watch from Capt. John Boats in Plymouth, MA. Students have received an information packet from their science teacher. The cost of the trip is \$28, payable as cash or a check made out to CSHS and is due by May 14th. If as a parent you have any concerns with you child going on this field trip, please call Mrs. Davis.

JUNIOR / SENIOR CLASS ELECTIONS

Class elections will be held on June 4th. Students will receive information in homeroom if they are interested in running for class office.

TUITION BALANCES 2009-2010

All tuition and fees must be paid in full in order for students to be eligible to take final exams. If you have questions about your balance, please call Mrs. McCune.

From the Guidance Office

Seniors

We commend and congratulate the members of the Class of 2010 who are now reaping the rewards of the hard work of both themselves and their teachers over the last four years. So many of our seniors have been accepted and received scholarships to some of the most prestigious and competitive colleges in the country. Please remember to notify

in writing the college of your choice of your decision by May 1. Also, as a courtesy, please send a note to those colleges you will not be attending informing them of your decision.

Juniors

On Tuesday, April 13, at 7:00 P.M. in the Cardinal Spellman High School Auditorium, the Guidance Department hosted “College Information Night”, for the members of the Junior class and their parents. Thanks to Gregg Meyer, Director of Admissions, Bridgewater State College and Elizabeth Cheron, Assistant Director of Admissions, Northeastern University for their helpful comments and advice.

The Guidance staff continues to meet with juniors to continue their college exploration on our Naviance Program.

Juniors and their parents are also encouraged to visit colleges of interest over the summer. You should call or check the school’s website for details of tours and information sessions. Juniors were given a flier in April with more details about this important activity. On May 4th, the counselors will meet with the Junior class as a group to explain the teacher recommendation process and handout questionnaires to be filled out and returned before the end of the school year.

Junior parents will also be receiving a Parent Brag Sheet in the mail. The comments on this optional questionnaire will be used by the Guidance Counselors when they are constructing the letters of recommendations for every student in their caseload. We appreciate the family’s taking the time to fill out these sheets and returning them to Guidance no later than the beginning of the first day of the school year in September.

Sophomores and Freshmen

The guidance staff has met with the sophomores and freshman to discuss their academic progress and their programs of study for next year. Please remember that the counselors are available by phone or E-mail if you wish to contact them concerning these or any other matters. Prior to the end of the school year, counselors will go to computer classes to introduce the sophomores to the college search program, Naviance.

May 2010 Advancement Happenings

Our Legacy Gala & Auction was an overwhelming success with over 300 people in attendance. Congratulations again to our honorees, Dorrie Bessette 69, Matt Glynn 75, Janet and Pat Madigan, 72 & 73 and Coach Mike Perry. One of the many highlights of the evening was when Dr. McEwan revealed the plans for the new fitness center. Special thanks are extended to everyone who made this spectacular evening happen, especially Jim Wells, auctioneer.

Golf Classic-June 21, 2010

A reminder that the annual *Cardinal Spellman High School Golf Classic* will be held on Monday, June 21, 2010 at LeBaron Hills Country Club. The player fees are \$160 per person and a foursome is \$640. Sponsorship Opportunities Now Available!

The day begins with registration, the driving range and lunch. Shotgun start is at 11:30am and the day ends with dinner, a silent auction and awards. You can register online at www.spellman.com/2010gc or call the Advancement Office at 508-584-3004.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Golf Tournament. Please contact Ellen Rota at 508-504-3004 or email at erota@spellman.com.

Join us for a day of sun, fun and competition! Once again, all proceeds from the tournament will benefit Spellman's athletic programs!

Notes from the Religious Studies and Campus Ministry Department...

The next monthly meeting of the Parent Prayer Group will be held on Wednesday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. in Room #104. The chapter in the book, "The Power of a Praying Parent" that will be our focus will be Chapter 8: "Attracting Godly Friends and Role Models." We look forward to sharing with all of our regular members but also welcome new ones! With questions or for more information, please contact Mrs. Lynne Jensen at the school: (508-584-9276) ljensen@spellman.com or Spellman parent, Mrs. Margi Mannke (781-337-4097) margim@comcast.net

Two welcoming retreats for new ministers for next year were held at the school on the evening of Tuesday, April 28th. LifeGuard 2010 welcomed the new candidates to LifeGuard 2011 and TAG team 2010 welcomed the TAG 2011 candidates. Activities included icebreakers, sharing, a prayer service with presentation of ministry crosses, and plenty of pizza and refreshments! TAG members also participated in an activity that involved painting together.

The newest ministry, a.k.a. "Witness" will be holding their welcoming retreat during the first week of May.

Baccalaureate Mass is being held on Monday evening, May 24th. The celebrant will be Fr. Oscar Pratt.

Please join us for:

First Friday Adoration sponsored by Prayer Posse will be held on May 7th all day in the chapel.

AND

The final school-wide Mass for the year will be held on Thursday, May 13th. Fr. Oscar will be the celebrant! This will be the last school liturgy with seniors. All are welcome and encouraged to participate as well as to join our lively choir in song. Singing is praying twice!

Notes from the Art Department...

The following Spellman students will be exhibiting their artwork in the 2nd Annual Massasoit Arts Festival to be held Sunday, May 23, 2010, 10-6pm. at the Canton Campus. They will be part of Regional High School, Juried Exhibition to be shown on the 4th floor art studios and they are:

Damien Bellotti, Jenna Faria, Julius Hancock, Matt O'Brien, Chloe Pantano, Dan Pantano, Jake Rich, Katelyn Rota, Ashley Sullivan, and Brent Wilmot,

These students are eligible if selected for prizes ranging from \$200 to \$100; please stop by to view the show.

Details regarding this event

Regional High School

Juried Exhibition

The 2nd Annual Arts Festival

Massasoit Community College, Canton Campus Sunday, May 23, 2010, 10:00AM to 6:00PM The Arts Festival committee is seeking participation from local high school art teachers and their students.

Students will have an opportunity to represent their school and compete for prizes in a college setting. The Arts Festival attracts families, neighbors, and art patrons from the surrounding communities. We invite you and your students to participate in this year's event.

The Regional High School Juried Show will be exhibited in the 4th floor art studios. High School Award Recipients will be exhibited in the Akillian Gallery with the 10th Annual Massasoit Students Juried Exhibition, May 24 -June 26th. Friends and family are invited to visit the gallery during regular gallery hours, or by appointment. If you have questions call Linda Dunn at 781-821-2222 ext. 2905.

Other attractions at the Arts Festival will include:

- The Juried Art Exhibit under a tent, with \$1200.00 in cash awards
- The 10th Annual Students Art Exhibit in the Akillian Gallery
- Printmaking Demonstrations by the Ink Monkeys, both in the 4th floor studio and outdoors
- Plein Air painters on campus
- Fine Art Crafters
- The Milton Art Museum, a collection in residence located in the Administration Wing • Food and Music
- Exciting Raffles donated by supporters, faculty and alumni artists.

Senior Notes

The senior class held its first Senior Class Car Wash at Baileys Garage Abington from 8:30-2:00 on May 1st. They continue to work toward their prom on May 20th. The Grand March takes place in the gym from 6:00- 6:30 and then the seniors will travel to Indian Pond in Kingston for their prom from 7:00-11:00pm.

