

# *Archbishop Wood High School* ***Parents' Newsletter***

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## **From THE PRESIDENT, Mr. Gary V. Zimmaro:**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope that everyone is enjoying a very relaxing and safe summer. I look forward to the return of our student population as we grow nearer to the start of the 2010/2011 school year.

Many good things have been taking place here at Archbishop Wood as we move toward the start of school. Construction and renovations are almost complete on two of our summer projects. First, Room 115 has been renovated to house our new science curriculum, “**Exploration 21**” (**Lab Learner**). Archbishop Wood will be the first secondary school to offer this program; we are very excited about this new academic offering to our students as well as the possibilities for recruiting and marketing that this program brings to Wood.

Second, the staff of the Intermediate Guidance unit will move into the building now that the construction and renovations to their new facility on the second floor North are just about complete. No longer will our students have to travel outside the building to see a counselor.

Additional renovations are also taking place as well. Mr. Denny and our summer staff have been working diligently to upgrade our school. All of the bathrooms have been repainted, and Mr. Denny has installed all new toilet seats and paper dispensers throughout, and all the faucets in the first floor bathrooms have been replaced. I am sure you realize changing hardware that is over forty years old has been interesting, but the

upgrade will certainly be an improvement. Future plans will allow us to replace the hardware throughout the second and third floors very soon.

Additionally, a new ice machine has been installed for our Athletic teams as they begin their new season; the new machine has a larger capacity and is much more efficient.

Finally, Fortress Protection will soon begin work to upgrade the security system from the current swipe cards to new proximity readers to make our system much more efficient. As you can see, we have been busy the last few weeks and yet there is more to be done.

Archbishop Wood is a special place with a long tradition, and it is a special place because of the people who are part of our community. Whether you are a student, parent, alum, teacher, staff member, or relative, your contribution to our school community is greatly appreciated. I cannot thank you enough for your support. I am proud to be the President of Archbishop Wood High School. Please know that my door is always open to you. Together we can continue well into the future the great success that has been Archbishop Wood High School. Enjoy the rest of the summer and may God bless you and your families. See you soon!

Sincerely,

**Gary V. Zimmaro**  
President

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**From the PRINCIPAL, Mrs. Mary Harkins:**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As always, summer is never quiet around Archbishop Wood! Along with the usual maintenance and cleaning, there are many exciting renovations taking place.

Many of the local elementary schools have been using the Lab Learner program. The response of the students and the administrators in these schools has been very

positive. We are proud to announce that Archbishop Wood has been selected to be the first high school to pilot the secondary component of the Lab Learner program called **Exploration 21**. The old Home Ec lab is being converted to a hands-on lab for this freshmen program. Most of the student work will be completed online. This program combines many of the Twenty-first century skills of creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and technology.

Another exciting renovation will be found in our new **Piano Lab**. Students will not only have the opportunity to learn to play the piano but also to compose music. Room 117 is being converted to the Piano Lab. Please refer to the information located in this newsletter from Sister Joanne Mongelli, our new music teacher, about how to enroll in a music class. Along with piano classes, Sister will offer lessons in strings. Please be sure to stop and visit these renovations and share our excitement over these additions to our academic program.

Our academic program continues to expand with a number of new offerings, including **Statistics and Web Design**. The English Department is adding a web based writing component to the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. We have received 128 net books, which will be used in a number of classes. The World Language Department is looking into using the net books as a language lab, and the Theology Department plans to use the net books to supplement the traditional textbook. A number of teachers had used the net books in class last year for research and writing projects. You will find your children using technology throughout the school day and across the curriculum.

Once again the Summer Reading Program has offered students a number of options, but all options have the same goal, to increase reading among all the students. There are still a few groups that have not begun their discussions. Please refer to the Library page located on the school web site. No Ning invitations will be issued after July 31.

We welcome our new Assistant Principal for Student Affairs, Mary McDonald. Mrs. McDonald comes to Wood with many years of administrative experience. I am sure you will find Mrs. McDonald to be very helpful and supportive of our extra curricular programs. There have been a number of other faculty changes. Due to the closures of two diocesan high schools, the faculty has not been finalized. Please refer to the school web site in early September to meet our new faculty members.

Archbishop Wood continues to offer SAT Prep programs. SAT Math is offered to juniors and seniors during the school day. Additional programs are offered beyond the school day. Please check this newsletter for upcoming dates and the school web site throughout the year.

Each year Archbishop Wood is blessed with a dedicated Parents Association. Please see the information from the new President, Rosie Pottebaum.

***Faithfulness Merits the Crown*** ~~-this is our Motto and these are the words we hope that your son or daughter will follow as we embark upon the 2010-2011 Academic Year. If each person in the Wood community is faithful to his or her position as a student, teacher, administrator, or team member, I know we will have an excellent year.

More important is the goal for each of us to Merit the Crown of eternal salvation. I pray that the upcoming school year will be a happy and successful one for all of us.

Sincerely,  
*Mary Harkins*  
Principal

*The Class of 2014 and their Families and  
Students New to Archbishop Wood and their Families*

*are cordially invited to the*

*Family Mass*

*and*

*Communion Breakfast*

*Sunday, September 19, 2010*

*9 AM, Liturgy ~ School Auditorium*

*10 AM, Continental Breakfast ~ Student Cafeteria*

*Cost: \$5.00 per person; Family of 5 or more \$25.00  
(Make checks payable to ABW Parents Association)*

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*Please return this form to the Activities Office by September 15, 2010*

*Student Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Number Attending* \_\_\_\_\_

*Amount Enclosed* \_\_\_\_\_

## **From the Parents Association:**

Dear Parents,

As we welcome back our returning students and incoming freshmen, we invite you to become a part of the Archbishop Wood Parents' Association. The Parents' Association works to create a bond between the student, his or her family, and the Wood Community. This bond is accomplished through involvement in activities and interaction with other parents. Whether you are a returning or freshmen parent, there are many benefits to becoming a member of the Parents' Association. These benefits include meeting other parents, working with the school's administration, and creating memorable experiences for you and your child.

This year's activities include the Mother/Daughter Fashion Show and Father/Son Dodge Ball Tournament, Family Viking Night, Freshmen Communion Breakfast, New York/Broadway Show and Senior Award Night. Other events that we coordinate include the Book and Used Uniform Sale, Prom Dress Drive, Back to School Night, and Stock Pound Cake sale. Future considerations include a Parent Social, Super Sports Saturday, and Homecoming Tailgating. For upcoming events and meeting schedules, please visit our new website, [www.teacherweb.com/pa/archbishopwoodhighschool/parentsassociation](http://www.teacherweb.com/pa/archbishopwoodhighschool/parentsassociation)

These scheduled and future activities are driven by parent participation and commitment. Our first meeting is **Tuesday, August 24**, at 7:00 PM in the North Building, First Floor, Student Center. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at this time and location. Your involvement is instrumental in creating an organization that can make a difference!

Other parents like you serve as chairpersons and coordinate these activities with the help of other parent volunteers. Without their commitment and dedication, we would be unable to host these activities for our children.

We look forward to meeting you on Tuesday, August 24 and welcome your suggestions.

Rosie Pottebaum  
President

Theresa Heloski  
Vice President

Linda Rakszawski  
Treasurer

Heidi Flanagan  
Secretary

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## **From The ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, Mr. James G. Mullen:**

### **STUDENT ORIENTATION DAYS – SEPTEMBER, 2010**

New and returning students are to report to school at **7:30 AM** according to the following schedule:

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**--Freshmen report to Auditorium by 7:30 AM

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**--Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors report to Homeroom by 7:30 AM

On Wednesday, and Thursday students will follow an abbreviated version of their daily rosters. Students should bring rosters with them for the Orientation. Homeroom assignments are printed on the roster. Time will be spent previewing new or revised practices and procedures. In addition, on Wednesday Freshmen will be treated to lunch and special activities. See specific information in the section from the Assistant Principal for Student Affairs in this newsletter. **NOTE:** On Thursday, September 9, all Tech School students are to be here at Wood for Student Orientation Day. The day will conclude at approximately 11:45 AM. If you are an afternoon Tech student and you can provide your own transportation on this day, you may go to Tech after the morning at Wood. However, all Tech School transportation will officially begin on Friday, September 10.

**FIRST DAY OF REGULAR CLASSES AND REGULAR TECH SCHOOL CLASSES -- Friday, September 10.**

Students report to regular homerooms by **7:30 AM**.

State Aid textbooks will be issued on September 10. Parents and students are reminded that State Aid books must be covered at all times and maintained in good condition. When textbooks are issued, students sign a textbook acknowledgement form. This form is returned to the students when the textbooks are handed in at the end of the year. This form is the only proof accepted regarding the status of a textbook. If the textbook is not returned or it is returned in a damaged condition, the student will be responsible to pay for the book at the rate of 100% of the full retail price if the book was new and 50% of the full retail price if the book was used. All penalty fees would have to be paid before new books would be issued or records forwarded.

### **BUS NEWS:**

Bus Service will be available on orientation days for 7:30 AM delivery. **Dismissal for Freshmen on Wednesday, September 8, will be at 2:15 PM. Busing will be provided. Dismissal for Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors on Thursday, September 9, will be at approximately 11:45 AM. Parents must provide transportation home on Thursday, September 9.** Parents are encouraged to contact their Public School District's Transportation Office to determine if new pick up times have been created.

**ATTENTION CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUS RIDERS:** Some changes may be occurring over the summer with Centennial busing arrangements. Nothing will be finalized until mid-August. You may access Centennial's website for your specific busing information at that time ([www.centennialsd.org](http://www.centennialsd.org)). **PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A LATE ACTIVITIES BUS AVAILABLE FROM CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

ATTENTION PARENTS OF COUNCIL ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT BUS RIDERS: Under the authority of Sections 1301 and 1302 of the Pennsylvania School Code, Council Rock School District requires the parents or legal guardian of students to provide proof that they are legal residents of the school district. If you are the guardian or foster parent of a student, you must also show proof of the guardianship or foster parenting arrangement. This requirement applies to siblings of students Council Rock may already be transporting.

Student who are new to our school or who have changed residency (even within the school district boundary) must **provide 4 proofs of residency to the Transportation Office of Council Rock School District**. The proofs of residency must be provided before any transportation arrangements will be made.

The ownership of property and the payment of property taxes within the Council Rock School District do not automatically fulfill the residency clause as stated in the Pennsylvania School Code.

You may show these proofs at Council Rock School District, Administration & Business Offices, The Chancellor Center, 30 North Chancellor Street, Newtown, PA, between the hours of 9 AM and 4:00 PM. You may also fax these 4 proofs to their office at: 215-944-1011, but make sure you put it to the attention of the TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT. You may also e-mail them at [Transportation@CRSD.org](mailto:Transportation@CRSD.org). If you have any questions, call 215-944-1010.

Examples of acceptable proofs are:

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Internal Revenue Statement | Driver's License          |
| Lease                      | Vehicle Registration Card |
| Property Deed              | Utility Statement         |
| Insurance Statement        | Billing Statement         |
| Bank Statement             | Voter Registration Card   |

**Council Rock Joint Custody Transportation Policy:** Council Rock recognizes only one address as the official address for a student's residency. They will transport a student only to the official address of the student. If a student alternates living with the two parents, it is the responsibility of the parents to arrange for the movement between residences. The school bus will pick up and drop off students only at the official residence.

Buses will be available on all regular school days from Public School Districts that bus for the 7:30 AM delivery and the 2:15 PM dismissal. Buses are scheduled to leave our driveways at 2:22 PM. **PLEASE NOTE: IN THE AFTERNOON AT DISMISSAL TIME, THE FOLLOWING BUS DISTRICTS WILL PICK UP STUDENTS IN THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL TO BE LINED UP IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER: BENSLEM, CENTENNIAL, CHELTENHAM, HATBORO/HORSHAM, LOWER MORELAND, NORTH PENN, YELLOWBIRD TRANSPORTATION, SPRINGFIELD, AND WISSAHICKON. THE OTHER DISTRICTS WILL PICK UP OUT FRONT.**

**ATTENTION PARENTS: IF YOUR CHILD EVER NEEDS TO RIDE HOME ON A DIFFERENT DISTRICT'S BUS OR EVEN A DIFFERENT BUS WITHIN YOUR OWN DISTRICT YOU MUST CALL THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENTS DIRECTLY TO MAKE THIS REQUEST AHEAD OF TIME. DO NOT SEND THE STUDENT INTO SCHOOL WITH A NOTE. WE DO NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT THIS PERMISSION. MOST DISTRICTS CANNOT TRANSPORT ANYONE WHO IS NOT IN THEIR DISTRICT AND THIS IS FROM AN INSURANCE AND LIABILITY STANDPOINT.**

If you ever have any concerns regarding your child's pick up or drop off time or the location of their bus stop, please call your school district directly.

Activities buses from districts providing the service will begin on September 10. The districts that provide late bus service are:

**Bensalem:** Every day at 5:00 PM but only as needed. **Students must request this bus every day that they need it by signing the request form in Room 230 before 8:15 AM.**

**Council Rock:** Every day at 5:00 PM.

**Hatboro-Horsham:** Every day at 5:00 PM but only as needed. Students must request this bus every day that they need it by signing the request form in Room 230 before 8:15 AM. **This service is available only when Hatboro-Horsham is open and it is not available when Hatboro-Horsham has early dismissal.**

**Neshaminy:** Every day at 5:00 PM but only as needed. Students must request this bus every day that they need it by signing the request form in Room 230 before 8:15 AM.

## **ROSTER INFORMATION:**

This summer rosters will be mailed the week of August 23, 2010, to all students with July and August tuition paid. The list of required books to be purchased will be included in the roster mailing. Rosters will NOT be mailed to any student who has any outstanding fees from 2009-2010 or who did not return a book in June. Since rosters will be mailed, there will be no book sale as in the past. **Books will be available for purchase in the CAFETERIA (South Building), which will be open on September 1 from 9 AM – 3 PM and 5PM to 7PM.** They can also be purchased the first week of school during all lunch periods. Questions regarding rosters can be addressed on August 30 and 31 between 9AM and 2PM. **ROSTER CHANGES ARE MADE FOR SERIOUS REASONS AND SUBJECT TO POSSIBILITY. NO ROSTER WILL BE CHANGED BASED ON TEACHER ASSIGNMENT OR DISMISSAL TIME. LUNCH ASSIGNMENTS ARE FINAL. REQUESTS FOR A CHANGE OF LUNCH WILL BE REVIEWED ONLY FOR THOSE STUDENTS WHO SUPPLY A DOCTOR'S NOTE INDICATING A REASON FOR A SPECIFIC LUNCH TIME.**

## **GYM UNIFORMS**

TOPS: \$10.00

SHORTS: \$20.00

The Gym Uniforms are available for purchase also in the CAFETERIA (South Building) on September 1 from 9 AM – 3 PM and 5 PM to 7 PM and also everyday during the lunch periods throughout the school year.

### **ATTENTION MATH STUDENTS:**

All math students are required to use Texas Instruments graphing calculators. Acceptable models are the following:

- TI-84 Plus-Recommended
- TI-83 Plus and TI-83 (acceptable)

Check out summer sales at Staples, Target, and Office Max .

We would like to remind all 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students that you have a summer vocabulary assignment:

- **Seniors - *Advanced Word Power***
- **Juniors - *Advancing Vocabulary Skills***
- **Sophomores – *The Joy of Vocabulary***

## **2009 – 2010 Academic Award Winners**

**Congratulations to our academic award winners for the 2009-2010 school year. These students will be recognized at our Honors Dinner in the Fall:**

### **UNDERCLASS AWARDS: 2009-2010**

<b>English 1</b>	<b>Adeline Schlussel</b>
<b>English 2</b>	<b>Alexandra Shannon</b>
<b>English 3</b>	<b>Caitlin Walsh</b>
<b>World History 1</b>	<b>Peter Czerwonka</b>
<b>World History 2</b>	<b>Jeffrey Courter</b>
<b>AP European History</b>	<b>Richard Rosenbaum</b>
<b>American History</b>	<b>Kristen Rothermel</b>
<b>AP American History</b>	<b>Catherine Rossbach</b>
<b>Algebra 1</b>	<b>Gregory Yeager</b>

<b>Honors Geometry</b>	<b>Adeline Schlusser</b>
<b>Algebra 2</b>	<b>Michael Heggan</b>
<b>Geometry</b>	<b>Katherine Boligitz</b>
<b>Precalculus/Trigonometry</b>	<b>Paul Miller</b>
<b>Biological Science</b>	<b>Adeline Schlusser</b>
<b>Chem Study</b>	<b>Richard Rosenbaum</b>
<b>AP Biology</b>	<b>Caitlin Walsh</b>
<b>French 1</b>	<b>Maria Matysik</b>
<b>Italian 1</b>	<b>Lauren Berry</b>
<b>Spanish 1</b>	<b>Adeline Schlusser</b>
<b>French2</b>	<b>Richard Barnes</b>
<b>Italian 2</b>	<b>Bianca Spatola</b>
<b>Spanish 2</b>	<b>Michael Heggan</b>
<b>French 3</b>	<b>Jenna Swope</b>
<b>Italian 3</b>	<b>Caitlin Walsh</b>
<b>Spanish 3</b>	<b>Jennifer Whelan</b>
<b>Art 1</b>	<b>Cassandra Howard</b>
<b>Theology 1</b>	<b>Adeline Schlusser</b>
<b>Theology 2</b>	<b>Samantha Nichols</b>
<b>Theology 3</b>	<b>Catherine Rossbach</b>

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## **From the Business & Tuition Offices:**

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Parents are asked to keep the Business Office notified of any changes related to their student's account – address, telephone numbers, parish, school district. Please remember to pay tuition and school fees with separate checks and to include the student

number for your son or daughter on all checks, money orders, and other correspondence. Please note the following important items:

- Families were mailed a tuition and fees payment booklet in June. Please use these envelopes to make your payments.
- Rosters will be released only for students with no past due balances and for whom the first semester School Fee and Fundraising Fee (\$525) and the July and August tuition payments have been paid in full. ***Please use separate checks in paying tuition and fees.***
- The Archdiocese requires that a late payment fee be applied to any account for each payment of tuition or fees in arrears ten or more days.
- Tuition can be paid electronically from either checking or savings accounts. Arrangements can be made through the Tuition Office. You are encouraged to use this service.
- In addition to Scrip, the school can provide tuition assistance through school-administered EITC funding. Application for school administered funding is made through the President's Office with an application deadline of June 30. Separate funding is administered through BLOCS with a filing deadline of March 15.
- Archdiocesan-funded tuition assistance is available through the TAP program. Applications are available at the school's Tuition Office with a filing deadline of March 30.
- Tuition/fees loans can be arranged through SLM Financial (a Sallie Mae company). For information, call 1-800-599-3220.
- To apply for the family rate discount—three or more students in Archdiocesan high school—you must complete the Family Rate Discount form available from the Tuition Office.
- Staff waivers are available to full time employees of Archdiocesan high schools with children attending an Archdiocesan high school. A Staff Waiver form is available from the Tuition Office.

Should you have any questions concerning your student's tuition/fees account or need additional information on any of the above, contact Carol Lester at 215-672-5050, x 224.

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## **From the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR STUDENT SERVICES, Mr. Donald B. Mangin:**

**Greetings from the Student Services Office! We hope you are enjoying your summer vacation. In order to have a smooth transition to the new school year, we would like to remind you of a few of our policies. Please be sure to read this important information, as there have been some changes made for the 2010/2011 school year. With everyone's cooperation, we can look forward to a fun and rewarding school year.**

## **UNIFORM CODE:**

I want to take this opportunity to address with you an important matter that is of concern to the administration, faculty, and staff of our school, namely, the personal appearance of our students. This concern has been expressed not only within the school community but has been a source of conversation by the public that interacts with our students.

As a school community, according to our handbook: “We firmly believe that **attention to personal appearance is an important part of the maturation process for Catholic young men and women.** The uniform expresses not only traditional values of economy, neatness, and practicality, but also our unity as a community of learners. **A person’s appearance is a reflection of self-image and indication of respect for oneself and others.”**

I am sure you can agree that this is no small task. That is why I am soliciting your cooperation once again to become familiar with and to assist in overseeing the dress code as it applies to your child who attends our school. The personal appearance of our students reflects not only the school’s values but the family’s values as well. We want nothing but the best for our students and, at the same time, want them to reflect the wholesomeness of their family, their church, and their school.

As the Assistant Principal for Student Services, I pledge that I will do everything necessary to help instill the values of proper dress in our students. I will enforce all the policies with regard to personal appearance and dress code. I am asking you to assist me in assuring that your child reflects the Christian virtue of respect for self and others by their dress and in their behavior.

Please know that I depend on your cooperation and assistance in this important concern. If you need clarification on the dress code requirements, please consult the student handbook or contact my office for information.

I can be reached at 215-672-5050, x256, or email: [dmangin@archwood.org](mailto:dmangin@archwood.org)

I look forward to seeing your child, properly dressed and groomed, in September.

The Assistant Principal for Student Services is the sole and final judge of what constitutes proper dress. Thus the school reserves the right to establish standards of dress for school time and its extra-curricular activities.

Flynn & O'Hara (215-637-4600, 1-800-441-4122) is the official uniform supplier for Archbishop Wood High school.

The regulation school shoe may be purchased at Trevoze Family Shoe Store (215-357-0209). The school shoe is a black oxford-style shoe with a guaranteed non-marking sole (Dr. Martens or Skechers brand).

When school opens in September, the optional summer uniform code will

be in effect. Students are expected to report to school in full uniform code including the regulation school shoes.

**The uniform code will be strictly enforced. Full compliance with the uniform code is mandatory. Students may be suspended or sent home for non-compliance.**

The optional summer uniform of Archbishop Wood High School is as follows:

### **LADIES: Optional summer uniform**

- Regulation uniform skirt: cut to no shorter than 1 inch above the knee.
- Regulation banded white polo shirt with school logo, plain white t-shirt.
- Black knee hi sox; or black tights.
- **No ped or white socks. If tights are worn, the tights have to be plain, with no designs. Stockings and knee-high sheers are NOT acceptable.**
- Regulation black oxford-style shoe with a guaranteed non-marking sole.
- ID/swipe cards must be worn as part of the uniform dress code.

### **GENTLEMEN: Optional Summer uniform**

- Regulation gray pants: **No cargo pants or jeans.**
- Belt.
- Regulation banded white polo shirt with school logo: plain white t-shirt
- Black dress socks.
- Regulation black oxford-style shoe with a guaranteed non-marking sole.
- ID/swipe cards must be worn as part of the uniform dress code.

### **LOCKS & LOCKERS:**

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors are reminded to bring their school locks on the first day of school. If the lock has been lost, a new one may be purchased from the Student Services Office. **Only locks issued by the Student Services Office may be used in school. All other locks will be removed.**

New locks can be purchased in the Student Services Office for \$8.00 and used locks for \$5.00.

Freshmen and returning students may purchase a lock during Roster Week. **Lockers are the property of the school and may be inspected at any time at the discretion of the administration.**

**The school is not responsible or liable for any personal property in any lockers.** Serious disciplinary action will be taken against anyone who tampers with another student's locker.

Students are reminded that they may use only the locker that has been assigned to them. Sharing of lockers or using more than one locker is strictly

forbidden. Please refer to the student handbook for more information.

## **PARKING:**

There are still some parking spaces available for Seniors and Juniors. The parking fee is \$70.00 payable by check or cash. Forms will be available in Room 245, South Building, during the summer between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 noon. The completed form must include a parent's signature, copies of the student's valid Driver's License, current registration and insurance information and is to be returned along with the parking fee to the Student Services Office. Reminder: there will be no exchange of parking spaces without permission from the Student Services Office. For more information please refer to the student handbook.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

On each day of a student's absence, the parent or guardian must call the school (215-672-5050, ext. 255) between 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM. The parent or guardian should identify him/herself and then report the student's name, student number, homeroom section, and the reason for the absence. Calls may be accepted only from a parent or guardian of the absent student. **Students may NOT call themselves in absent.** PLEASE NOTE: There is an answering machine available to receive your phone call at anytime before 7:00 AM.

***New for September 2010:*** If your child is absent and Archbishop Wood has not received a phone call from you by 9 AM, you will receive an automated phone call via **School Reach**. This call will be made to the first number you have listed for your family. This call will notify you that your child is absent and that a phone call from a parent is required. Please respond promptly.

On returning to school, the student **must** bring in the official absence form distributed by the school. This form is given to the homeroom teacher or brought to the Student Services Office. Please note that the forms are color-coded for each class year, i.e. **green** for Freshmen, **blue** for Sophomores, **pink** for Juniors, and **gold** for Seniors. Blank forms can be obtained in the Student Services Office.

An absence of three or more consecutive days requires a **dated** doctor's certificate. This certificate must be presented **on the day** the student returns to school. No retroactive doctor's certificate will be accepted. A doctor's certificate, testifying by exact dates of an illness can certify no more than ten days absence.

**Please note that if a student misses twenty-two or more school days, he or she will be required to attend summer school.**

For further information regarding attendance, please refer to our Student Handbook.

## **LATENESS:**

The warning bell rings at **7:20 AM. At 7:25 AM.** All students must report to homeroom. Students are not admitted to homeroom after **7:30 AM** without a **LATE PASS** from the Student Services Office. A student is late to school when he or she arrives to homeroom after the 7:30 bell to start the day. Such lateness will warrant 3 demerits. A note or phone call from a parent or guardian does not automatically excuse lateness. The note or phone call indicates a parent's or guardian's awareness of the lateness. A note or phone call a day later will not be acceptable.

Excused lates are given only for emergency medical or dental appointments, legal proceedings and unexpected critical family emergencies. All others (car trouble, traffic, oversleeping, etc.), **are not acceptable** and will warrant demerits. Excused lates require the proper medical or legal verifications.

Please refer to our Student Handbook for further information regarding lateness.

## **CELL PHONES:**

Cell phones must be turned off from 7:30 AM until 2:15 PM and must be kept in the student's locker. Any student caught using or having a cell phone during the school day is in violation of the cell phone policy of the student handbook. It is imperative that this policy be followed at all times. Please understand that the phone must be turned off until the end of the school day (2:15 PM), **not** a particular student's school day. For a complete understanding of the cell phone policy and consequences please refer to the student handbook.

## **STUDENT ID/SECURITY CARD:**

Every student is required to wear the student ID/security card on a lanyard around his or her neck. The ID /security card will be attached to a school lanyard. The lanyard is to be worn at all times while in school. This requirement is for the security of the school, and the safety of each student. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in a dress code violation and the student may be liable for demerits and detentions.

**At the beginning of the school year, all Freshmen and new incoming students will be issued an Archbishop Wood student ID /security card with a school lanyard. Returning Sophomores Juniors and Seniors will continue to use their ID/security card from the previous year.**

**\*\*We are replacing the existing system with a new proximity card system. All students, faculty and staff will be issued a new card this year.**

Replacement ID/security cards can be purchased in the Student Services Office (Rm. 100) for \$45.00. This ID/security card serves as a key that will open certain doors during school hours, as well as an admission card for all home football,

basketball, volleyball games and wrestling matches, (Playoffs, Championships and Thanksgiving Day game is not included). It also is needed for entrance into dances, proms and similar events

The school lanyards can be purchased in either the Student Services Office (Rm. 100) or in the School Store (located in the Cafeteria). The cost for the lanyard is \$3.00.

All policies regarding Student Services are enforced at the discretion of the Assistant Principal for Student Services. The above is a brief summary of a few of our policies. They can be found in their entirety in the Student Handbook, which is given to each student at the beginning of each school year. Both the student and parents/guardians are responsible to read the student handbook to familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations of the school. The handbook includes a signature card which is to be signed by the parents/guardians, and the students, stating that they have read the handbook. The signature card **MUST** be returned or demerits will be warranted. It will be collected by the homeroom teacher during the first full week of school.

**We look forward to seeing you in September, and hope that the rest of your summer is enjoyable and safe!**

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## ***Academic Integrity at Archbishop Wood High School***

**We reprint our Academic Integrity and Cheating Policy in this summer issue of the Parents' Newsletter because, as we quickly approach the start of a new school year, we believe it is important that students and their parents understand the issues involved.**

In a recent editorial page article in the *New York Times* (July 13, 2010), David Pritchard, a physics professor at MIT says, "The big sleeping dog here is not the moral issue. The problem is that kids don't learn if they don't do the work." Of course, here at our Catholic high school, the moral issue is most important, but Professor Pritchard accurately describes the **academic** repercussions of plagiarism. Later in the same article, the author, Brent Staples, mentions what he calls the "Pritchard axiom—that cheating undermines learning." At the end of his article, Staples says that Internet plagiarism "is already pervasive in [our academic] culture and will be difficult to roll back. But parents, teachers, and policy makers need to understand that this is not just a matter of personal style or generational expression. It's a question of whether we can preserve the methods through which education at its best *teaches people to think critically and originally.*"

Because Archbishop Wood also believes that cheating undermines learning, we ask that you take a few moments to review our Academic Integrity and Cheating Policy:

In our mission statement, we state that Archbishop Wood High School is committed to enabling our students "to be productive, responsible Christians in a technologically complex, rapidly changing world." Furthermore, in our Statement of Beliefs, we assert that Archbishop Wood High School believes that "the Catholic formation of the youth entrusted to our care is our central and primary focus" and that "the person of Jesus Christ and the Gospel message must be made real to our students through our deeds and not merely through words."

Seen in this light, **academic integrity at Archbishop Wood**—clearly related to our school's mission and to our beliefs as Catholics—**requires strict adherence to the values of honesty, trust, and responsibility.**

Therefore, we believe that **Plagiarism**, defined as **the representation of the ideas or language of others as one's own**, is a violation of academic integrity that will be resolved through academic penalty. If a student is found to have plagiarized a major assignment, either totally or in part, the student will be given the opportunity to rewrite and submit the paper. The highest grade to be issued for the resubmitted paper will not exceed a 60. If a student does not rewrite and submit the paper, a grade of zero will be issued for the assignment.

**Plagiarism**, the representation of the ideas or language of others as one's own, **can consist of:**

- Using text from another source (e.g. web sites, books, journals, newspapers, etc.) without documenting the source;
- Using a direct quotation from a text without quotation marks, even if the source has been cited correctly;
- Paraphrasing or summarizing the ideas or text of another work without documenting the source;
- Substituting a word or phrase for the original while maintaining the original sentence structure;
- Using graphics, visual imagery, video or audio without permission of the author or acknowledgment of the source;
- Translating text from one language to another without citing the original work;
- Obtaining packaged information (e.g. foreign language translation or a completed paper from an on-line source) and submitting it as one's own work without acknowledging the source.

(Adapted in part from the Academic Integrity Guidelines of Council Rock School District with permission.)

### CHEATING

Any student caught cheating on a test or quiz will receive a zero for that test or quiz. In addition:

1st offense: parent interview, one week suspension from all activities

2nd offense: parent contact, one month suspension from all activities

3rd offense: parent contact, suspension from all activities for the remainder of the year.

NB: A record of offenses will be kept in the Academic Office. Cheating is considered an academic offense.

Suspension from activities includes: all sports, clubs, show, band, dances, etc.

Cheating on a test includes:

- Giving answers in any way
- Taking answers in any way
- Using tests from previous years
- Homework, class work, copied, passed to others: consequences will be at the teacher's discretion.
- Posting answers on line: using answers posted on line is defined as cheating.
- If any work (homework, assignments) is taken from a student by a teacher and returned to the class teacher as copied, no credit will be given.

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## **From the GUIDANCE DIRECTOR, Mr. Frank Tobias:**

**Senior Reminder:** The SAT I and SAT II tests will be administered at Archbishop Wood on October 9 and November 6, 2010. **We strongly advise any senior wishing to take the October 9 SAT test to register online this summer ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)).** The deadline for the October registration is September 10. After that date, a late fee will be charged.

### **SAT Information**

**SAT Math Course:** Juniors and Seniors are invited to consider taking this .25 credit course to prepare for the Math portion of the SATs. There is no cost for this course, which takes place during the school day. If interested, e-mail Mr. Beard at [wbeardabw@yahoo.com](mailto:wbeardabw@yahoo.com)

<b>SAT Refresher:</b>	October 8	4:30 to 6:30 PM	\$50.00
	November 5	4:30 to 6:30 PM	\$50.00

<b>SAT Workshops:</b>	October 30		
Essay	9:00 to 11:00 AM		\$50.00
Critical Reading	11:00 to noon		\$25.00
Math	Noon to 1 PM		\$25.00

**SAT Refresher and Workshop, please contact Dr. Pace at 215-725-6568.**

Seniors are reminded to continue gathering college or technical school information and applications in the summer. You can obtain information about any college by using our **Coin 3** program (see your junior college binder). Most schools will also have a website address. Simply

keyword the name of the college into your chosen search engine. The following websites are excellent sources of information: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and the Pennsylvania website: [www.pheaammentor.org](http://www.pheaammentor.org).

Summer is the ideal time for seniors to contact colleges to obtain information and applications. Most colleges are in session the last week of August and the first week of September. This would be the time to visit. It is not too early to begin filling out applications and writing essays so that they are ready to go once school begins. (Your English teachers would be glad to give you feedback on your college application essays; check with them when school starts!) Whether you apply to colleges on line or by mail, it is still necessary for you to see your counselor and have your records forwarded. Careful and early planning will hopefully make this important task a little less stressful. The college-planning booklet given to each junior this spring contains a wealth of information regarding the college search process for students and parents. Be sure to ask your student to show you this book!

**PSAT Testing** – The PSAT will be administered to **ALL** students in grades 9, 10, and 11 on Wednesday, October 13, 2010. This testing is part of a program called “College Partnership” in cooperation with the College Board Association of Princeton, New Jersey. Through this effort, our students and teachers will work to improve test-taking skills to better enable our students to succeed in the College Board examinations (PSAT and SAT I and II). The PSAT serves as a practice test for the College Board exams needed for college admission. For our juniors, it is also a qualifying test for over 6,500 scholarships that the Merit Scholarship Corporation expects to offer in the year 2103.

**Parents of Seniors/Juniors – For your pre-planning:** On Wednesday, September 22, 2010, our Guidance Department will present a College Information Night for parents at Archbishop Wood High School. Also on Wednesday, October 13, 2010, a Financial Aid Information program for College/Technical/Vocation Schools will be presented in the Sophia Friedman Auditorium. Please plan to attend both evenings and bring your note pad! In addition, on Thursday, November 11, 2010, twenty-five area Catholic colleges will be visiting Wood. All junior and senior Wood students will meet with these representatives.

**Attention Student Athletes:** The NCAA Clearinghouse application process should be done online. The website for the clearinghouse is: [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net). Any senior athlete expecting to attend a Division I or Division II school should also check with your college athletic department for further information. The above website will also allow you to learn the status of your application. Remember that you are still obliged to fill out an orange card requesting to have a transcript sent to NCAA Clearinghouse. Bring this card to your counselor when you return to school.

**No Child Left Behind Act of 2001** – The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires that all high schools release the name, address and phone numbers of all junior and senior students to all military recruiters. Archbishop Wood will be complying with the No Child left Behind Act. Any parent or guardian who does not wish to have his or her child’s information released must contact the Guidance Office by September 30, 2010. If notification is not received by that date,

your child's information will be released. Please contact the Guidance Office before this date for further information.

If any parent has an hour or two a month in the morning hours in the new school year, we invite you to lend a hand in the guidance office. The guidance staff would welcome your help and this would also give you an opportunity to see what scholarships are available. Enjoy the remainder of your summer.



Archbishop Wood is excitedly looking ahead to September! The music department will be starting a piano class in a new 16 station Piano Lab. Each station will consist of an electric keyboard for each student. The class will be available to students with little or no piano experience. Students will receive an individual lesson at least once a week with practice and coaching sessions scheduled for the rest of the week. This will be a graded and credited course open to all students. Because the class meets everyday, students will progress rapidly. This class promises to be popular! Any concerns or questions should be addressed to Sister Joanne at [jmongelliabw@yahoo.com](mailto:jmongelliabw@yahoo.com).

Since all freshmen students have a study hall, Piano Lab can be scheduled at this time. Sophomores interested in Piano Lab can fulfill their Related Arts requirement with this class. NB: Every effort will be made to accommodate music requests as the roster permits.

# **From the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS, Mrs. Mary McDonald**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The new school year will be here before we know it. There will be many exciting activities and events to get involved in during the school year. I am thrilled to be a part of the traditions and innovations at Archbishop Wood. I certainly appreciate the enthusiastic welcome I have received from the faculty, staff, students and parents already. Please take some time. Look over the events and the changes in the upcoming academic year and get involved. All are welcome!

## **ATHLETIC CARD**

Medical forms for the athletic card may be picked up in the Business Office during the hours of 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Students who wish to try out for or be a member of any Wood team during the school year must first pay the "Sports Participation Fee" of \$125.00. Each athlete must raise \$125.00 for the Sports Ad Book for his or her particular team.

The "SPORTS PARTICIPATION FEE" for a student who participates on more than one team throughout the school year is as follows:

<b><i>SPORT</i></b>	<b><i>SPORTS PARTICIPATION FEE</i></b>	<b><i>AD</i></b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sport</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sport</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sport</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>

NO STUDENT WILL BE PERMITTED TO TRY OUT FOR A SPORTS TEAM UNLESS THE SPORTS PARTICIPATION FEE HAS BEEN PAID AND THE ATHLETIC CARD OBTAINED. All ADS AND AD FEES MUST BE TURNED IN WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE DUE DATE. AD FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED IN THE BUSINESS OFFICE, STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE OR FROM YOUR COACH.

## **ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS!**

- Graduation Fee of \$135 is due by Monday, April 18, 2011
- Graduation will be held at Villanova University on Monday, June 6, 2011.
- Senior Parent Mandatory Prom and Graduation Meeting on Wednesday, February 16th, 2011

## **YEARBOOK INFO:**

Order forms will be distributed to the students. The price of the 2010/2011 yearbooks will be \$65.00. Seniors receive their yearbooks as part of the graduation fee.

## **CALENDAR & STUDENT HANDBOOK INFO:**

- Please keep the handbook you received last year as a reference for all school policies. Only the incoming freshman class and new students will be receiving a copy of the Student Handbook.
- The Academic and Sports Calendar, as well as the Student Handbook, are currently online at [www.archwood.org](http://www.archwood.org) . Please visit the website frequently for updates to the calendar throughout the year. We will be distributing a monthly updated calendar to the students; however, we will not be sending a yearly calendar home to each family.

## ***SPECIAL CALENDAR EVENTS***

### **August**

- 24 Tuesday – Parents Association Meeting at 7:00 PM – Student Center

### **September**

- 1 - Wednesday – Freshmen/New Student Welcome Picnic – 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Freshmen/New Parent Meeting at 7:00 PM, School Auditorium  
Book Sale – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- 8 - Wednesday – Freshmen Full Day of School (7:30 to 2:15) report to auditorium (Full school uniform: Yearbook pictures will be taken and lunch will be provided.)
- 9 - Thursday – Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors Report – Special Schedule:  
11:45 AM Dismissal
- 10 - Friday – Full Day of School for All Students
- 19 - Sunday – Freshman and New Student Family Communion Breakfast, 9:00 AM
- 22 - Wednesday – Junior/Sophomore Yearbook Pictures
- 27- Monday – Back To School Night 7:00 PM - Auditorium
- 28 – Diocesan Secondary Teacher In Service- no school for students
- 29 - Magazine Drive

### **October**

- **1 – Opening Liturgy & Student Council Installation**
- 8 – Friday- Rich Kelly Memorial Mass and Gym Dedication – 7 PM

### Fundraising Tickets Distributed

Friday -PSAT/Sat refresher 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

- 9 - Saturday – SAT at Archbishop Wood
- 12 - Tuesday – Parents Association Meeting at 7:00 PM – School Auditorium
- 13 - Wednesday – Financial Info Night – 7:00 PM Auditorium – PSAT Testing-  
• Senior Retreat
- 15 – Friday – Homecoming Dance – Pep Rally
- 16 – Saturday – Homecoming Game – 1:00
- 20 - Wednesday - Junior Ring Assembly
- 22 - Friday – Father/Daughter Dinner Dance – 7:00 to 10:00 PM
- 24 – Kairos through to October 27
- 28 - Thursday - Junior Ring Orders Due
- 29 - Senior Costume Day
- 30 - SAT Writing Workshop

### **November**

- **1 – All Saints Day – No School**
- 2 - All Souls Liturgy
- 5 – Friday – Parent Social
- 6 - Saturday – SAT at Archbishop Wood
- 9 – Tuesday – Parent Association Meeting 7:00 PM
- 11- Thursday – Catholic College Fair at Wood
- 18 - Thursday – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation and Open House
- 19 - Friday – Faculty Retreat – No School for Students – Christmas Craft Show
- 22 – Monday – Report Cards Distributed
- 23 - Tuesday – Parent/Teacher Conferences 6:00 to 8:00 PM; Thanksgiving Prayer Service
- 25 - Wednesday – Thanksgiving Holiday begins at the end of school day  
(Special Schedule)
- 29 - Monday – Classes Resume – Ad fee due

### **December**

- 5 - Saturday - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarship Exam at Wood, 8:00 AM
- 8 - Wednesday - Immaculate Conception Holy Day- No School
- 9- Thursday – Fall Show for Grade Schools
- 10,11,12 – Fall Show - Friday, Saturday at 8:00 PM and Sunday at 2:00 PM
- 14 – Parent Association Meeting – Grad Memento Assembly
- 23 - Wednesday - Christmas Holidays begin at end of school day.

**Please check our website – [www.archwood.org](http://www.archwood.org) - regularly for updates and changes to the school calendar and the student handbook. Please plan to attend the scheduled Back to School Night on September 27, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the auditorium.**

**Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Mary McDonald**

## **From the Director of Admissions, Ms. Patricia Roschetz:**

Hello and welcome to another school year at Archbishop Wood High School! My name is Patricia Roschetz and I am the Director of Admissions. One of my responsibilities is overseeing the Philadelphia and New Hope/Solebury School District transportation services. Letters and forms were mailed out in July to sign up for transportation from these areas. Please remember that there is a fee for transportation from these areas.

Another one of my duties is the Shadowing Program. Shadowing will begin in late October so our current students can get adjusted to their new schedules. If you know someone interested in shadowing or taking a tour of our school, please direct them to me at extension 268, or [paroschetz@yahoo.com](mailto:paroschetz@yahoo.com).

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## **From OUR CAMPUS MINISTER, Rev. John C. Nguyen (Fr. Chung):**

Mass is offered each morning in the School Chapel at 7:00 AM. All are welcome. Periodically Mass is celebrated during the school day. A schedule is posted with Mass times. The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered twice during the school year. Whole school Masses and prayer services take place each month. The liturgies are posted on the school calendar. Parents are always welcome!

### **Retreat Schedule**

Senior Retreat	October 13	7:30am to 11:00 am
Junior Retreat	March 3	7:30am to 11:00am
Sophomore Retreat	February 11	7:30am to 11:00am
Freshmen Retreat	April 1	7:30am to 11:00am

Please note: Our Senior Retreat is on the PSAT test day (Grades 9, 10, 11 take the PSAT test). The Junior Retreat is on March 3, the second day of Terra Nova testing (Grades 9 and 10 take the Terra Nova test and Seniors do not have school). Juniors report on March 3 only. On the Sophomore and Freshmen Retreat days, only those students scheduled for retreat report. All other students are off on those days.

**Kairos** Retreat is a four day, three night, off campus retreat experience open to seniors and a limited number of juniors. If you are interested in having your child participate in this excellent retreat experience, contact Father Chung.

<b>Kairos XIV</b>	October 24-27
<b>Kairos XV</b>	February 27-March 2
<b>Kairos XVI</b>	April 10-13

God bless,  
Rev. John Chung Nguyen

## Information about Tracking

The following information appears in our annual Course Bulletin, which is issued to students and parents each spring. We reprint this information at this time so that, as your son or daughter begins the academic year, you are aware of the requirements to remain in a particular track or to seek a change in track. Please note that these are guidelines and they are reviewed by the school each year. Any changes to these guidelines will be published with sufficient notice.

Early each spring, student performance is reviewed, and tracking recommendations for the next school year take place. Most students—those who are meeting the learning goals of their classes—are recommended to remain in their current track for the coming school year. Some students are recommended for a higher or lower track—those who have been greatly exceeding the average level of work in their track, as well as those who have not been able to measure up to the challenge of their track.

The following tracking guidelines are listed so that parents and students are aware of the expectations for tracking or track changes. **These are guidelines; final tracking takes place after teacher recommendation and approval by the department chair and the Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs.**

- Students currently in 1<sup>st</sup> track classes should be earning grades of 87 or higher to merit staying in 1<sup>st</sup> track.
- Students in 2<sup>nd</sup> track should have earned a first semester grade of 93 or higher in order to be recommended for 1<sup>st</sup> track.
- Additionally, students in 2<sup>nd</sup> track who achieve grades between 75 and 90 should be recommended to remain in 2<sup>nd</sup> track.
- Finally, 3<sup>rd</sup> track students who have earned consistent grades of 90 or higher may be considered as candidates for 2<sup>nd</sup> track.

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### **From the ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, Mr. Joseph D. Sette:**

#### **ALL-CATHOLICS – SPRING SPORTS, 2010**

The Athletic Department of Archbishop Wood High School and the entire school community would like to congratulate all of the following All-Catholics from their respective teams.

**Baseball-** First Team- Brian O’Grady, Kyle McCrossen, Mike Spahits, Matt McAllister; Second Team- Jeff Courter, Brady McNab, Larry Brittingham

**Boys La Crosse-** First Team- Steve Jackson, Andrew McIntyre, Michael Moffa; Second Team- Pat Glemser, Dylan Matthews, Kevin Maxwell; Honorable Mention- Ed Wiler, Zach Buehler, Kevin McNicholas, Steve Buonomo, Shane Moyer, Chris Rahill

**Girls La Crosse-** First Team- Alyssa Andress, Caitlyn McCartney, Nicole Hayes; Second Team- Haley Oczkowski, Marisa Lea Palumbi

**Softball-** First Team- Jessica Tate, Sara Yoos; Third Team- Sheila O'Hagan; Honorable Mention- Brianna Heck, Kristen Costar, Jenna Fehrle

**Boys Spring Track-** Second Team- Kevin Shaw; Honorable Mention- Kevin Shaw, Ryan Kuhn

**Girls Spring Track-** First Team- Kate Conville; Second Team- Brittany Rosenbaum, Mary McClure; Honorable Mention- Maura Craney

**Boys Tennis-** Honorable Mention- Pat McMinn

## **AWHS ATHLETICS- FALL SPORTS- 2010**

**\*\* IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT-** Starting on June 1, 2010, No student shall be eligible to participate in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests unless the student has first completed a pre-participation physical evaluation ("PPE") performed by an Authorized Medical Examiner. This pre-participation physical evaluation form can be obtained in the Business Office (Rm. 245). Also, the Sports Participation Fee for every student is \$125.00 per sport. This fee is paid in the Business Office (Rm. 245). Once a student-athlete has passed his or her physical and has paid the Sports Participation fee, the Business Office will issue an athletic card allowing the student-athlete to begin participation in that sport.

### **STARTING DATES AND TIMES FOR FALL SPORTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY**

The boys' cross-country team begins regular team practice on Monday, August 16. Anyone interested in joining the team is welcome to attend these workouts and runs. The cross-country team does not make any cuts. If you want to be on the team, show up and run. For more information, contact Coach Fran McLaughlin @ 215-783-5438.

## **GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY**

Girls' cross-country will begin formal practices on Monday, August 16. Anyone is welcome to join the team. The girls' cross-country team does not make any cuts. Anyone who wants to be on the team makes the squad. For further information, contact Coach Fran McLaughlin @ 215-783-5438.

## **FIELD HOCKEY**

The field hockey team regular practices and tryouts will begin on Monday, August 16, at Archbishop Wood. Tryouts will be held on the girls' field hockey field, located behind the south building, adjacent to the rear driveway. All girls should have their sticks, mouth guards, shin guards, water bottles, cleats and running shoes. For further details concerning practice and tryouts, please contact Coach Deb Andress at 215-620-2211.

## **FOOTBALL**

The football team will begin practice on Monday, August 16, on the football field behind the north building. All players, **including** Freshmen, should report at this time. For specific times and dates, check the football team's website, or call Coach Steve Devlin at 267-767-0033.

## **GIRLS' SOCCER**

Girls' soccer tryouts for all varsity, JV, and freshmen will begin on Monday, August 16. Tryouts will be Monday, August 16, through Friday, August 20. Each player should bring a soccer ball and a water bottle to these tryouts. Practice will be on the girls' soccer field, at the south end of the campus near Street Road. For more info, call Coach Bill Cappo at 215-219-7842.

## **VOLLEYBALL**

Girls' volleyball tryouts and practice will begin on Monday, August 16 in the South Gym at Wood. For further information concerning dates and times, contact Coach Susan Kim at 267-808-9226.

## **BOYS' SOCCER**

Boys' soccer tryouts and practice dates begin on Monday, August 16, through Wednesday, August 18, from 4 PM thru 7:30 PM. All freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior players are expected to attend these sessions. All sessions will be held **RAIN OR SHINE** on the boys' soccer field located behind the football field. Any questions, call Coach Joe Krantz at 215-672-5050, ext. 424.

## **GIRLS' TENNIS**

Girls' tennis tryouts and practice will begin on Monday, August 16. For further information, call Coach Bob Salembier at 267-784-2907.

## **GOLF**

Golf tryouts will begin on Monday, August 16. Anyone interested should contact Coach Bob Schmalbach at 215-324-2398.

## **From the Director of Institutional Advancement, Mr. Tim Dunn:**

I hope everyone is having a nice and relaxing summer! I would like to take this time to go over some of the scholarships and grants that will be available to our students in the fall of the 2010/11 school year.

The **Alumni Classic Scholarship** is a \$1,000 one-time scholarship available to **all** students. Six students will be selected for this award. The **Monaghan Scholarship** is available to **seniors** and is for \$1,000

There will be announcements made in homeroom a few weeks before the due date for applying for these scholarships. Applications will be available in the Advancement Office, Room 237, South Building.

On October 8, 2010, there will be a Mass, a Dedication of the Boys' Gym and a Reception, which will be held at the school in memory of Rich Kelly, an Archbishop Wood legend. The **Rich Kelly Memorial Athletic and Activities Fund** is being established. Tickets are \$40 per person. For tickets or further information or sponsorship opportunities (see below), please contact Tim Dunn at 2150-672-5050, ext. 227, or [tdunnabw@yahoo.com](mailto:tdunnabw@yahoo.com).

Sponsorship Opportunities are as follows:

- Event Sponsor - \$5,000
- Dinner Sponsor - \$1,000
- Beverage Sponsor - \$500
- Friends of Rich Kelly - \$100

Anyone who has some Wood memorabilia that they would like to donate to the school, please contact me. We are working on a display to be located outside of the Development/Alumni Office.



Dear Parents & Student(s);

As we approach the 2010-2011 school year, I would like to take the time to outline and hopefully answer questions concerning the computerized point of sale (POS) system utilized in your school's cafeteria. The system, called QSP, will benefit you, your child, and the school in many ways, and I hope that you and your child will consider taking advantage of some of the convenient options the system has to offer. Please read the following information carefully, and

if you have any questions that remain unanswered, please feel free to call the school food service office. **Starting October 1, 2010, we will no longer be accepting checks in our cafeterias.**

### **How QSP Works**

The system is a computerized debit system that will allow you to pay in advance for meal purchases and/or school store purchases. The system works with a twelve key PIN pad that is similar to an automated teller machine (ATM). It will allow your son(s) or daughter(s) to enter their **8 digit personal identification number (PIN)** to access their account. Your child's PIN is his or her Student ID Number that is provided by the school and will remain the same throughout the remaining years your child is enrolled at the school. Please have him or her memorize this number. The PIN keypad will be located on the serving line. All students will have an established debit account, although you will not be required to make advanced payments because the system still has the ability to act as a cash register and can accept cash payments on a daily basis; however, he or she will need to enter their pin number for every transaction.

### **The Benefits to You and Your Child**

#### **Benefits**

- ✓ The lunch payment process is automated for both the parents and ARAMARK so errors are minimized and the process is standardized.
- ✓ Using PFI, cashiers spend less time taking cash at the serving lines so students have more time to eat. Additionally, there is not a chance of lost lunch money from home to the serving lines!
- ✓ **Payments can be made by credit card or ACH (electronic checking)** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at the parents' convenience by accessing Pay For It from a computer or a phone.
- ✓ Parents can review what their students are actually purchasing along with account balance information.
- ✓ PFI supports increased communication between the school & the parents.

#### **Features**

- ✓ Account lunch balance information is readily available to the parents, the district, and the school lunch staff.
- ✓ Parents can opt to receive an email when a student balance dips to a certain threshold (set by the parent).
- ✓ Parents can opt to use an automatic payment feature that replenishes their student account(s) when a balance dips to a specific level (specified by the parent).
- ✓ School messages are automatically emailed to parents.
- ✓ A continuous online survey is provided to monitor parent feedback and ideas.
- ✓ Student information is automatically transferred from year-to-year and from school-to-school.
- ✓ Parents can manage more than one student account.
- ✓ PFI is PCI compliant and maintains industry standard SSL certificates. This ensures all data is safe and secure as defined by the industry.

## Advanced Payment Options

### DIRECT PAYMENT

You can send cash or a money order to your school's cafeteria via mail or your child can bring it to the school cafeteria. Cashiers will have pre-printed forms available to be used when making advanced payments. Your child can bring the form home for you to complete or you can have your child complete the form in the cafeteria. Deposits must be made by 9:30 a.m. and will be available to your child immediately. **Personal checks will also be accepted at the school until October 1, 2010. Starting October 1, 2010 we no longer be accepting checks at the school.**

### ONLINE PAYMENT OPTIONS

We offer a convenient online lunch account management option through the web site [www.payforit.net](http://www.payforit.net). Pay For it allows you not only the ability to make advanced payments, but also affords you the ability to manage your child's lunch account online. You can view purchases, balance information, and also set up email notifications. **Pay For It** is a secure web site, with encryption provided by DigiCert. To use the service you will need to provide a credit card number for verification purposes. Your Credit card will **NEVER** be charged unless you use it to make a payment. This is simply for security reasons and to protect your child. Pay For It offers two convenient payment options:

#### **OPTION 1: ONLINE CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENT**

A convenient credit card method is available at a secure web site. Payments made via this method will be available for your child's use within 6 hours. Pay For It will apply a 5.75% surcharge to all transactions made using their service. This charge is less than what our previous provider, cafeprepay charged (6.25%). ARAMARK retains no portion of this fee which has been established to cover credit card fees and web site maintenance costs.

#### **OPTION 2: ONLINE ELECTRONIC CHECK (ACH)**

A convenient electronic check (ACH) method is available at a secure web site. Payments made via this method will be available for your child's use within 6 hours. Pay For It will apply a flat fee of \$1.25 for ACH transactions. ARAMARK retains no portion of this fee which has been established to cover check processing fees and web site maintenance costs.

Money will be automatically deducted as your child uses his or her account to make cafeteria and/or school store purchases. There is no limit on the amount of money that can be deposited into a debit account. Utilizing this system also eliminates the need for your child to carry money for School Meals, greatly increasing the speed at which he or she goes through the cafeteria line. Every student will enter his or her PIN number, thus insuring your child's privacy.

For more information about this system, the food program offered at your child's High School, Monthly Menus, and general information visit our website: <http://www.schooldish.com/en-us/EDUE/ArchPhila>

### **Additional Questions and Concerns**

ARAMARK is the contracted cafeteria provider for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia High Schools. All questions regarding the POS system are to be directed to the ARAMARK supervisor only. The ARAMARK supervisor will be able to add money to all students' accounts and they will be able to refund balances should the student leave the school for any reason and upon graduation. The school office staff will not be able to accept or refund monies to students; this can only be done through the ARAMARK supervisor on staff. Parents can either pick up their refund at the school, or they can have it mailed directly to them. Balances for returning students will be carried over to the next school year. We highly recommend that you monitor the account balance as the school year comes to a close, to minimize the amount of money that is carried over. Monies may also be transferred to siblings or if your child transfers to another Archdiocesan High School.

Below is a form that should be sent in with your first deposit. This form will be available through the cashiers for future deposits. If you are paying for more than one student in the same school with one payment, please clearly document how much money is to be designated to each student's account. If you do not specify, the deposit amount will be divided equally between the student accounts. Thank you for your cooperation and your participation.

Sincerely,

Paul Paetow

General Manager- **ARAMARK**

#### **TO BE USED FOR ADVANCED PAYMENTS**

### **STUDENT DEPOSIT FORM TO BE RETURNED WITH ADVANCED PAYMENT**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ PIN# \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cash Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT OPTION:**

**Archbishop Wood's Web Site is an excellent source for updated information. Be sure to check the site frequently for changes in schedules or important announcements.**  
**[www.archwood.org](http://www.archwood.org)**

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