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FOR ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS OF BISHOP MCDEVITT HIGH SCHOOL

## Groundbreaking

April 14, 2011



# FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



Sister Mary Anne

Dear Alumni and Friends,

The 2010-2011 school year is quickly drawing to a close. Our seniors are anxiously preparing for graduation. The college acceptances, as well as grant and scholarship monies awarded to the class of 2011, are impressive. The members of this class will soon be joining the ranks of our alumni. Hopefully they, like so many of you, will cherish their high school memories and always keep a special place in their hearts for Bishop McDevitt.

A few short weeks ago we broke ground for our new school - a glorious day in the history of Bishop Mcdevitt High School. The building project is moving forward. E.R. Stuebner, the company hired to build the school, has begun working. Equipment is appearing daily, and preliminary work to prepare the area for excavating has begun. We stand just over \$13 million in pledges and donations received through the Fulfilling the Promise Capital Campaign, and are looking to raise an additional \$7 million over the next year. This will bring us to the \$20 million mark of the total \$42 million cost of the project.

The McDevitt Fund is doing well also. We have received a little more than \$300,000 of the \$400,000 budgeted and we need your support to reach our goal. Many of you have very generously given to the campaign for the new school. The annual fund helps support our academic and extracurricular activities each year. Please consider a gift if you have not already given one this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a sincere thank you to all who have offered support of Bishop McDevitt High School in numerous ways throughout this year. Your prayers and good works are truly appreciated. We are grateful to all those who have contributed to the annual appeal and to those who have made special gifts to our scholarship funds and Capital Campaign. For their kind words and thoughtful acts we are grateful. Be assured of a remembrance in our prayers as a school. God bless you!

Sincerely,

Sr. Mary Anne Bednar, IHM  
Principal

## MISSION STATEMENT:

Bishop McDevitt High School, a Catholic, college-preparatory, coeducational school located within the Diocese of Harrisburg, encompasses students of diverse intellectual, socio-economic, and religious backgrounds. Bishop McDevitt strives to nurture the whole person by promoting a quality education rooted in the Gospel values and creating a challenging academic environment. The school community aspires to graduate well-rounded Christian men and women committed to living moral lives of holiness, integrity, justice, and responsible citizenship.

## CATHOLIC HIGH/BISHOP MCDEVITT ARCHIVES



Did you know that Bishop McDevitt High School has an archive? Mr. John Brixius maintains numerous records and items to preserve the history of our school. Your help is needed to develop the archives. If you have any items you would wish to donate (awards, McDevitt clothing items, uniforms, yearbooks, etc.), please contact Mr. Brixius at the school. The history of our school is important, and your contribution is appreciated!

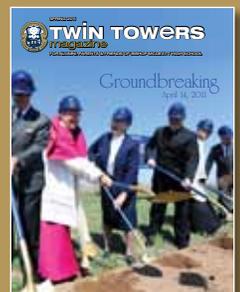


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### ON THE COVER

The Most Reverend Joseph P. McFadden, Bishop of Harrisburg, Sister Mary Anne Bednar, IHM, and dignitaries broke ground at the site for the new Bishop McDevitt High School on April 14, 2011.



Jill Bekeja Hanes '83, Director of Admissions

As the 2010-2011 school year winds down and our seniors prepare to graduate, Bishop McDevitt High School welcomes the new freshmen class of 2015. At this time, over 165 eighth graders have submitted their admission applications, taken the High School Placement Test (HSPT) and selected courses to start their high school career.

For eighth graders who have not taken the HSPT, there is a test date scheduled for Thursday, June 9th, 2011 at Bishop McDevitt High School. The test will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. and should conclude by 3:30 p.m. HSPT Registration forms should be downloaded from our website, [www.bishopmcdevitt.org](http://www.bishopmcdevitt.org), and mailed to Bishop McDevitt before June 3rd, including the \$30 testing fee. Courses and schedules cannot be selected and processed until the HSPT is taken and scored. Students who miss this test will need to schedule the HSPT with Mrs. Jill Hanes, Director of Admissions, at 717-236-7973 ext.211 or [admissions@bishopmcdevitt.org](mailto:admissions@bishopmcdevitt.org). Please note, later test dates can affect class availability and scheduling. Please do not delay.

This summer Bishop McDevitt will host ten Freshmen Orientation sessions. These morning meetings will include a prayer service, reading a class schedule, study skills, attendance and early dismissal procedures, locks and much, much more. The Freshmen Orientation is designed to help lessen the anxiety often associated with the transition to high school by targeting some of the key stressors. Freshmen may select an orientation session from the following dates: July 28, 29, August 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 15, 16, or 19. All sessions will be from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Registration forms will be sent out in June.

Bishop McDevitt will offer several used uniform sales throughout the summer. Used uniforms, clean and in good condition, may be donated to McDevitt at any time. These uniforms will be resold at a discounted price: \$10 skirts, \$10 pants, \$10 sweaters, \$5 polos and oxfords. There will be a limit to the number of items you may purchase. Dates and times will be posted on our website, [www.bishopmcdevitt.org](http://www.bishopmcdevitt.org) and in church bulletins.

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KITTY & ISI — Anne Mrazik '11

Imagine giving up your summer vacation at home to visit a place where the temperature is dozens of degrees colder and where many people do not know your language. That is what sixteen incredible seventeen-year-old Chilean girls did this past year from January to March, the summer between their junior and senior years of high school. Two of them came to our town of Harrisburg. They lived with me and attended school at Bishop McDevitt with me. By early December, my parents and I were all set to have Kristine (Kitty, for short) von Bischhoffshausen stay with us for two months. Soon, we found out that a host for Isidora Illanes, a classmate of Kitty's, could not be found. My parents were wary to take in two girls at the same time. However, after Kitty and Isi left in March, I remember my mom saying, "I would never have not wanted to have Isi with us."

Kitty and Isi's school in Chile, Villa Maria Academy, an all-girls school for students from prekindergarten to grade twelve, afforded all sixteen girls this opportunity to spend their summer in the United States. Administration at the school found them homes in which to live and schools which they could attend throughout the country. Kitty and Isi had friends staying in Portland, Oregon, San Francisco, California, and even in the nearby Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. All sixteen girls flew into Washington, D.C., at the beginning of January and spent a week there learning about the history and sights of the capital of the United States. Then, two-by-two, they went their separate ways to their designated destinations.

And so, my family had two fantastic girls from Chile stay with us for two months. I was surprised how quickly I was able to treat Kitty and Isi like my sisters. We spent the entirety of most days hanging out with each other. We kept each other busy, going to McDevitt basketball games, a Hershey Bears ice hockey game, New York City, Chocolate World, and most importantly, Arby's. They joined me in helping out at the soup kitchen at St. Patrick's Cathedral, an experience which they loved.

Kitty and Isi were so enthralled with the snow. It was comical to see how novel it was to them. One day, we went sledding by Italian Lake with our friends David Kotz and Matt Reardon. It was Kitty and Isi's first time sledding. Another day, while I was on a college visit, my friends Rachel Miller and Katie Smith took them snow tubing at Ski Roundtop. Kitty and Isi proclaimed that this was one of their favorite activities in the United States.

At McDevitt, Kitty and Isi attended mostly academic-level senior classes. Since it was their summer vacation, they were not graded on their schoolwork; nonetheless, they would often tell me about what they were learning in their classes. We shared a favorite class – ninth-period Spanish IV. It was a mindless class for Kitty and Isi, but they were always there to help me and my classmates if we were having trouble.

This summer, I plan to go visit Kitty and Isi in Chile for two or three weeks during the month of July. I am so happy that I will be able to see my "new sisters," who managed to become such great, irreplaceable friends of mine during those two months this past winter. Maybe I will get a taste of how difficult it was for Kitty and Isi during their first few weeks here in the United States. Since I am hoping to earn a Spanish degree in college, I hope my Spanish will improve during the trip. Ultimately, no matter what, I know it will be a great learning experience, and for that I am indescribably excited.



Bishop McDevitt High School Senior, Anne Mrazik, with Kristine "Kitty" von Bischhoffshausen and Isidora "Isi" Illanes from Villa Maria Academy, Chile.

# academics

## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT:

### 2011 SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARDS

The English Department would like to announce the following winners of the 2011 local judging of the Scholastic Writing Contest:

#### CERTIFICATES OF MERIT:

Caitlin Anderson '11 – Dramatic Script  
 Anthony Bender '11 – Dramatic Script  
 Laura Bircher '11 – Science Fiction/Fantasy  
 Ted Deily '11 – Dramatic Script  
 Christopher Dunlap '11 – Dramatic Script  
 Aaron Lentini '14 – Science Fiction/Fantasy  
 Marissa Liberacki '11 – Dramatic Script

#### SILVER KEY:

Sarah Allwein '11 – Science Fiction/Fantasy  
 Madeline Barbusch '11 – Dramatic Script  
 Laura Bircher '11 – Personal Essay/Memoir  
 Christian Brice '14 – Science Fiction/Fantasy  
 Daniel Guarracino '13 – Short, Short Story  
 Madeleine Robbins '14 – Science Fiction/  
 Fantasy  
 Kaitlyn Vander Woude '14 – Personal Essay/  
 Memoir

#### GOLD KEY:

Luke Benedict '11 – Science Fiction/Fantasy  
 Elizabeth Ciccocioppo '11 – Dramatic Script  
 Marian Eiben '14 – Short Story  
 Jillian Kinsey '11 – Dramatic Script  
 Jillian Kinsey '11 – General Writing Portfolio

The Alliance for Young Artists and Writers has released the Scholastic Art and Writing national awards for 2011. We are so pleased that two McDevitt students have achieved this prestigious honor:

**Marian Eiban** has won a national Gold Medal for her Short Story titled *An Afternoon Meeting*. She is a Freshman in Mr. Yeckley's Humanities I class.

**Jillian Kinsey '11**, has won an American Voices Award for her Dramatic Script titled *Lumos*. This award signals that her play has been deemed "Best of Show" in the Northeast region of the United States. She is taking AP English this year with Mrs. Bush.

Both students will be honored at Carnegie Hall in New York City on May 31, 2011. We extend our congratulations to Jillian and Marian and their parents.



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Henry Eichman '11 represented Bishop McDevitt at District Band, District Orchestra, Regional Orchestra, and Susquehanna University Honors Band. Henry also has been selected through auditions at Regional Orchestra to represent District 7 PMEA at State Orchestra to be held at the State Music Convention in Hershey, PA, this year. Henry was a featured performer at the MENC National Music Convention held in Washington, D.C., on April 1, 2011. Upon graduation, Henry will be pursuing a degree in Music Education. Congrats Henry!

**Laura Habich '11** represented McDevitt at District Chorus and Regional Chorus.

**The Bishop McDevitt Concert Choir** performed the National Anthem at a Hershey Bears game in February.

The following students represented McDevitt at County Band:  
 Angeline Lonardi '13  
 Khoa Trinh '13  
 Bond Marburger '14

**County Orchestra** was represented by Rebecca Fulton '14.

**The Pops Concert** was held March 4th and 5th and was a great success. It featured over thirty soloists from Band and Choir.

**The Concert Choir** will be singing at the Naturalization Court ceremony on May 9, 2011.

**The annual Spring Concert** will be held in Tracy Hall on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. All are invited to attend and there is no charge for admission.

*Mr. Andrew Spotts, Music Department*

## BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

The Business Department at Bishop McDevitt High School has partnered with Alvernia College to offer the McDevitt students opportunities to earn college credits while in high school. Classes that provide this opportunity include:

- Accounting II (3 credits from Alvernia College)
- Accounting III (3 credits from Alvernia College)
- HTML (3 credits from Alvernia College)
- Graphics Design II (3 credits from Alvernia College)
- Java (AP class)

## HOME ECONOMICS

The Bishop McDevitt Home Economics clothing construction classes are making HoBo bags from long sleeved t-shirts. These bags have become quite popular over the past few years. Not only are they easy to make without a pattern, but also a great way to recycle t-shirts. In between projects, the students continue to recycle t-shirts into sundresses and shorts for the Dow Family Childrens Home in Kenya, Africa. The foods/nutrition classes are learning how to choose and pack picnic foods. They are learning how to identify food and safely cook foods for outdoor cooking. The annual picnic is scheduled for May.

*Mrs. Lori Shafaye, Home Economics Department Chair*

## SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

McDevitt social studies students have been busy participating in many extracurricular activities outside of the classroom. For example, students representing individual countries recently took part in The Pennsylvania State University's Model United Nations annual seminar. Other students participated in the state-wide Mock Trial competition and the Pennsylvania Quiz Bowl meet.

To further promote the importance of history among McDevitt students, all students are required to complete a National History Day project. The best projects were selected and sent to the regional competition at Messiah College on March 5, 2011. The following students placed in their respective categories and will move on to the state competition at Millersville University:

### SENIOR GROUP EXHIBITS:

"War of the Currents", Jeaneatte Glusko '11 and Marissa Liberacki '11 (1st place).

"A Walk to Remember", Rachel Carnicelli '12, Libby Hemler '12, Courtney Sigler '12 (2nd place).

### SENIOR GROUP PERFORMANCES:

"Better Dead, Than Red", Alessandro DiSanto '11, Rachel Miller '11, Jillian Kinsey '11, Katherine DeLucy '11, Laura Habich '11 (1st place).

"Eradicate, Embed, Educate", Bianca DiSanto '13, Joseph Clavin '13, Daniel Guarracino '13 (3rd place).

### SENIOR GROUP DOCUMENTARIES:

"Prohibition: The Nobel Experiment", Alexandra Fisher '13 and Angeline Lonardi '13 (2nd place).

### SENIOR GROUP WEBSITES:

"Seneca Falls Convention", Colleen Deignan '12 and Caitlin Kennedy '12 (1st place).

"Lend-Lease Act of 1941", Marc Pugliese '11 and Teddy Deily '11 (2nd place).

"Social Security: Securing America's Future", Michael Pipa '11, Hajir Razlansari '11, Jordan Snyder '11, Geoff Price '11, Bill Lucas '11 (3rd place).

*Mr. Eric Mark, Social Studies Department Chair*



The 2010-2011 Model U.N. Team



## SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

### 2011 BISHOP MCDEVITT HS SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS

#### FIRST PLACE

Angeline Lonardi '13  
Catherine Nguyen '14  
Laura Tringali '11  
Christina Fulponi '12  
Kelly McNaughton '13  
Amy Gifford '12  
Bianca DiSanto '13  
Marissa Augustine '14  
Matthew Fulponi '13  
Caitlin Kennedy '12  
Christine Molitoris '12  
Joseph Tokar '14  
Ryan Petrasic '14  
Nicholas Devine '13  
Michael McGovern '13  
Rachel Arendacs '12  
James Press '13  
Rachel Carnicelli '12  
Kaela Curcillo '12

### 2011 PJAS REGIONAL RESULTS

#### SECOND AWARD

Francesca Licata '13  
Mary Ellen Grap '14  
Emily Resek '14  
Rebecca Fulton '14  
Patrick Quirk '14  
Michael Perloski '14

#### FIRST AWARDS

Amy Gifford '12  
Lindsay Chimel '12  
Laura Tringali '11  
Kaela Curcillo '12  
Christian Brice '14  
Rachel Carnicelli '12  
Dominic Acri '14

*The students who received a first award were eligible to participate at the State Competition at Penn State University.*

### CAPITAL AREA SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR AWARDS (March 5, 2011)

#### HONORABLE MENTION AWARDS

Caitlin Kennedy '12  
Christine Molitoris '12  
Christina Fulponi '12

#### THIRD AWARDS

Rachel Carnicelli '12  
Bianca DiSanto '13  
Mark Aulenbach '13  
Michael McGovern '13  
Angeline Lonardi '13

#### SECOND AWARDS

Amy Gifford '12  
Laura Tringali '11

#### SENIOR AWARD WINNER (SPECIAL AWARD)

Lisa Hartwell '12  
Rebecca Fulton '14  
James Press '13  
William James '14

#### FIRST AWARD

Joseph Tokar '14

### JUNIOR SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES SYMPOSIUM RESULTS

Recently, Laura Tringali '11 represented our school at the Pennsylvania Science and Humanities Symposium. She was awarded first place in her category of Behavior Science and represented our school and the region at the National Science and Humanities Symposium.

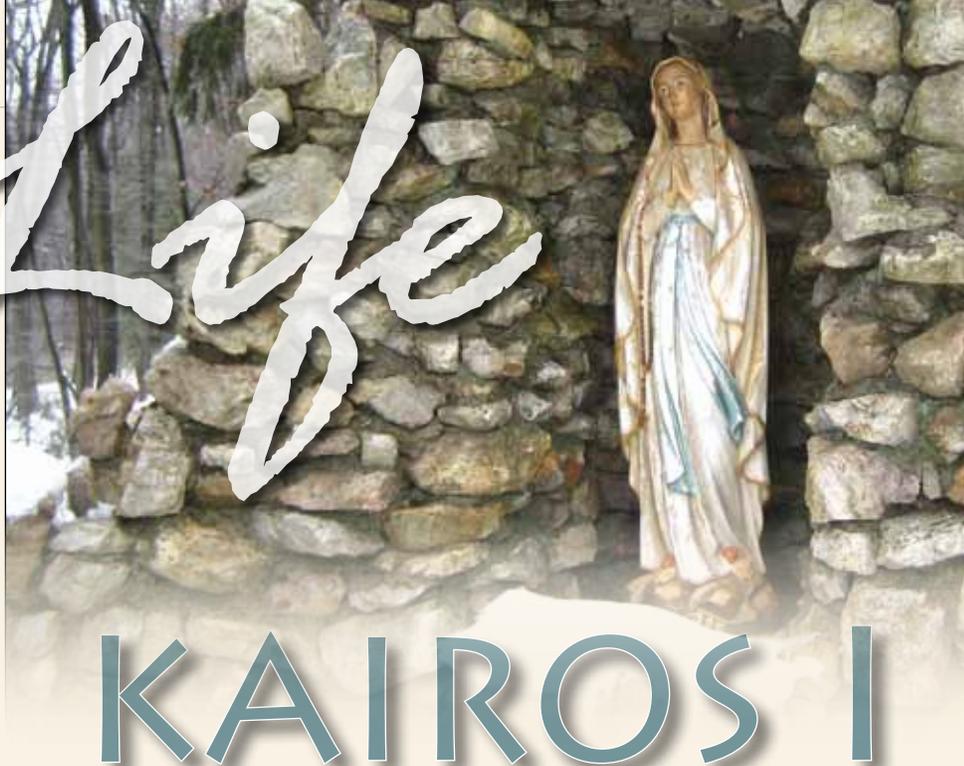
## MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

The mathematics department is excited about getting the internet. A recently installed booster will ensure internet access to all math classrooms. We look forward to exploring ways to maximize the potential of our students and to increase student interest in mathematics. The sky is the limit! (*Little math pun!*)

*Mrs. Gemma Phillips, Mathematics Department Chair*

# Spiritual

# Life



A leap of faith many may have called it, the day a small group of McDevitt students left for a weekend at the Mariawald Retreat Center in Reading, PA. It was Bishop McDevitt's first ever Kairos retreat – an experience that many of them will never forget. As the students loaded the bus on the afternoon of February 3rd, they had little, if any, idea of what was waiting for them down the road. They were asked to leave their cell phones behind, give up their long-awaited weekend, and spend a few days with God – a difficult decision for many teenagers to make. Yet the moment they made those first few steps through the doors of the retreat center, they embarked on a spiritual journey. Over the next four days, the young men and women participated in many activities, which brought them closer to each other and God.

The word 'Kairos' literally means 'God's time.' The retreat provided students the opportunity to immerse themselves into an atmosphere where faith could be found. It took them away from the hectic schedule of a high school teenager so that the constant motion of everyday life was behind them – they were free to hear God's word. The Kairos Team, consisting of seven adult leaders and six student leaders, gave many talks, encompassing topics such as goals for the future and the friendship of God. They applied

the teachings of our faith to the lives of teenagers. They connected our lives with God.

The Kairos retreat is an intense four days. Yet, the time is not judged by its duration, but by the moments we experienced and their depth and value. We learned, through speeches and other experiences, how to contemplate God's role in our lives. During their time with God, the retreatants felt their faith in a very real way. The teachings, morals, values, and Scriptures we have been taught in our religion classes came to life on the retreat and took on a deeper meaning. What was learned on the retreat had been with us always; however, we became more aware of it for the first time.

There is no way to accurately describe the depth of this retreat, because it is truly unique to each retreatant.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola said, "Love is shown more in deeds than in words." It is very difficult to tell others about the contents and format of the retreat as well as what is experienced; however, it is evident from the actions of those who attended the retreat that everyone experiences a change while at Kairos. Kairos is a moving, life-changing event that should be experienced by every student who is given the opportunity. It is because of this retreat that many McDevitt students have found God and have found themselves.



## CHRISTIAN SERVICE CLUB *Rachel Miller '11 and Anne Mrazik '11*

Flowers are in bloom, the weather is getting warmer, and the Bishop McDevitt Christian Service Club (CSC) has sprung into action. The organization has a dedicated group of over fifty students who actively volunteer within the community.

Not even the cold could stop our Crusader spirit! For two weeks during February the CSC hosted a book drive to benefit the Second Mile organization. A record number of children's and young adult books were collected totaling sixteen boxes – the most ever for this event! The books will be used in the Second Mile's summer camps for children all over the state of Pennsylvania.

Throughout the season of Lent, the CSC members were busy every Monday night helping the parishioners at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church in Harrisburg make Easter Eggs for the annual sale. The students helped roll peanut butter and cream filling, label bags, and package eggs. They were even able to sample a few! At the end of April the students once again helped the parishioners of OLBS, but this time with a yard sale. For two days the CSC members helped sort through items. From April 26th to April 28th they assisted with the actual sale. Everyone involved with this event had a blast finding all kinds of interesting goodies!

April 15, 2011 was National Youth Day of Caring sponsored by the United Way. Twenty-five juniors and seniors took the day off of school to clean up their community. With their gardening gloves, heavy-duty trash bags, and a donation of one can of non-perishable food, the students tackled a designated site within the city limits of Harrisburg. Throughout the day, they painted, landscaped, and picked up trash around their site. This experience allowed the students to really show their care for their community.

On the first day of May, CSC members could be found at Fort Hunter for the annual Garden Faire. They helped spread spring cheer by serving tea, face painting, and helping with children's activities.

The members of CSC, as well as Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Bianchi, were elated on May 9th to participate in a fashion show at Colonial Park Care Center. After Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Bianchi took the time to write descriptions of all the student-models' outfits, which consisted of gorgeous prom dresses for the girls and handsome khaki, tie, and button-up combinations for the boys, CSC members were able to model for the residents of the Care Center. The residents' eyes lit up at the sight of these beautiful outfits. Smiles spread across their faces as they were able to comment on their favorite gowns or hairstyles.

The Christian Service Club is proud to announce the addition of new members to its team – the Planning Committee. We decided to institute this Planning Committee as a result of a student survey that we conducted for Middle States. The Planning Committee consists of volunteer student representatives of varying grade levels. The Committee will brainstorm new ideas and activities in which our club can participate, and hopefully encourage students to catch the spirit of service by coming out and getting involved.



## PRO-LIFE CLUB *Cathy Ciocci, Co-director, Pro-Life Club*

In January, sixty students and faculty from Bishop McDevitt attended the Pro-Life March in Washington, D.C. On the Sunday evening before the March, they attended the Vigil Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, after which they slept overnight at a hostel in the D.C. area.

February was Chastity Awareness Month. The Pro-Life Club made posters that were displayed throughout the school, and on Valentine's Day there was a Pro-Life table set up in the cafeteria, with stickers, brochures, and bookmarks for chastity awareness. The Pro-Life Club continued to serve at the Cathedral Soup Kitchen and Morning Star Pregnancy Center.

Capital Punishment was the topic for the month of March, led by two members of the Senior class. Also, the club helped with the Big Dig

for the Silence of Mary House, preparing the farm for spring planting. Meanwhile, they continued to help at the soup kitchen and Morning Star, as well as praying the Stations of the Cross in the chapel.

April brought a "baby shower" meeting in honor of the unborn baby that each member spiritually adopted in September. Students filled baby bottles from Morning Star Pregnancy Center with loose change as their "gift." In addition to praying the Stations of the Cross, the Pro-Life Club attended a retreat at Mount St. Mary's University. Approximately twenty-five students qualified to attend by staying active throughout the entire year. The retreat included Mass, a movie and discussion, lunch, and more discussion followed by time for private prayer or free time.

In May, the officers for the 2011-2012 school year will be elected.

Community  
Service



# Coach Weachter

*"Coach Wec is a man determined to win. The hard work and high-intensity practices ultimately result in his success as a football coach in addition to our success as a football team. Without him, Bishop McDevitt football would not be the same. Without him, I wouldn't be the man I am today."*

**—Ted Deily '11**

**Tight end / Linebacker**

*"Coach Wec has been like a father to me the past four years. You can't put a price on the time and energy he puts into the football program."*

**—Sean Barowski '11**

**Full back / Linebacker**

*"Throughout my four years at McDevitt, Coach Wec has been like a father to me. A lot of people don't understand the things that he does behind the scenes. He took time out and called college coaches and different sport sites to get me a full scholarship. He watches film 24/7 to prepare us to be a good team."*

*It was at times when I had nobody to talk to that he was just there for me. If it wasn't for him and McDevitt football, I don't know where I would be. In my four years, he turned boys into young men and prepared us for success at the next level.*

*I love him like a father."*

**—Jameel Poteat '11**

**Runningback**

*"Coach Wec has had a huge impact on my life. He has been there for me through everything during my stressful and confusing senior year. My mother was diagnosed with cancer this past football season and Coach Wec went out of his way to make sure I stayed focused. If I needed to talk to anyone, his door was always open. One day during study hall, we went to the chapel and prayed the rosary."*

*During my recruiting process, I was stressed out and frustrated at times because coaches said I was too short. Coach Wec made sure that everyone saw my highlight tape and organized coaches coming in to watch me throw. He helped me out and eventually got me a full scholarship to Bowling Green State University, a team I never really heard of until they came to see me throw."*

*Coach Wec was more than a coach for me. He was a dad away from my home. Without him, things could have gotten out of hand and some things might have never been resolved. He's the coach that did everything for me, and I owe him more than I can give."*

**—Matthew Johnson '11**

**Quarterback**

In 2002, five years after taking the head coaching position for the Bishop McDevitt Football team, Jeff Weachter and his wife prayed at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes near Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland. Despite the many hours of hard work to revive the Bishop McDevitt Football program, Jeff wanted to bring more discipline and unity to the team, to develop Christians men and leaders.

Since 1998, Jeff and his family have been an intricate part of Bishop McDevitt High School. A native of Lancaster, PA, Jeff Weachter has coached football for twenty-three seasons, thirteen of which have been at Bishop McDevitt. He lives locally with his wife, Andrea, and their three children, Marisa, Vanessa, and Braden. For the twenty-three years of their marriage, Jeff has considered Andrea the "rock" of the Weachter family. Her support and strength has allowed him to dedicate endless

time and energy to Bishop McDevitt High School. Jeff explained that he often spends more time with his players than his own kids, working approximately one hundred hours per week during the football season. For many of the football players and students, he has become a father-figure and role model. A few call him "Pops." Despite many job offers since he began at McDevitt in 1998, Jeff Weachter has never applied for another coaching position. With the unwavering support of his wife, Coach Weachter explains, "I believe God put me here for a reason and keeps me here for a reason."

In 2009, Coach Weachter saw a doctor for chest pain and discovered that he had a heart attack a few months earlier. As he sat in the doctor's office that day, he suffered from yet another heart attack. With care from his doctor and the support of his family, Jeff implemented changes for a healthier lifestyle.



“As long as the docs say I’m healthy and my wife doesn’t mind,” Weachter says, “I’ll do what I love to do.”

The students at Bishop McDevitt High School are Coach Weachter’s first priority. During school hours, Jeff has a full teaching schedule with two business classes and three physical education classes. Simultaneously, he prepares for the current or upcoming football season, while creating highlight tapes for his players, speaking with and hosting college recruiters, as well as preparing his student-athletes both academically and personally for their futures. He treats athletes and non-athletes equally, hoping to help each individual at Bishop McDevitt become a better student, a better Christian, and a better person.

Often, Jeff Weachter is better known for his success on the football field. After reaching his one hundred and second (102nd) victory in the 2010 season, Weachter became the all-time “Winningest Football Coach” at Bishop McDevitt High School. Since 1998, fifty-three of his student-athletes have continued on to higher education with Division I football scholarships. Three of them currently play in the National Football League and two are former NFL players.

Few people are aware of the time and effort Jeff Weachter dedicates to the McDevitt Football program. Each day he commutes thirty-five minutes to school. In between classes, he is on the phone with recruiters or hosting visiting college coaches. During lunch, he reviews film with his quarterbacks. Monday through Thursday, the football team practices after school. Following practice, Jeff returns home between seven o’clock and eight o’clock in the evening to have dinner with his family and then reviews film until approximately eleven o’clock at night. The Weachter family spends Thursday evenings together before football games on either Friday night or Saturday morning. If a game is on Saturday, Coach arrives at a quarter after six in the morning for the team Mass, walk-through, and game. The remainder of the afternoon is spent scouting other teams. Sometimes Jeff does not return home until one o’clock in the morning. The weekend concludes on Sunday when the McDevitt coaches meet for four to five hours, after which Jeff watches film until eleven o’clock or midnight.



During the off-season, much of the recruiting process takes place. Immediately after the football season ends, Jeff begins making highlight tapes for the seniors. Although each tape requires approximately twenty-five hours for completion, Coach Weachter says that he “will do whatever for the kids.” By March of this year, he sent over three hundred DVDs to approximately one hundred colleges. In addition, Jeff constantly works with his student-athletes on academic, athletic, and behavioral improvement. Each year, he explains the recruiting process to junior athletes and their parents and hosts visiting college coaches throughout the spring.

Since 1998, Coach Weachter has worked diligently to bring more discipline to McDevitt Football. Aware of the diverse backgrounds of his players, Jeff understands that it is an ongoing effort to establish an atmosphere of discipline and respect. The McDevitt Football program handles discipline issues internally. Playing time is a privilege that must be earned on and off of the football field. Coach Weachter requires community service of the team which often is not publicized. Each year, discipline and respect increases within the program.

After visiting the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes with his wife in 2002, Coach Weachter brought the senior football players to the Grotto before the football season began. Soon, it became an annual event to spend a day at the Grotto, praying and talking about team goals and unity. Then, after reading *Season Of Life*, by Joe

Ehrmann of the Baltimore Colts, Jeff decided that he wanted to incorporate more of the Faith into the football program.

In 2009, Fr. Raymond LaVoie, Chaplin of Bishop McDevitt High School, approached Jeff with the concept of “The McDevitt Man.” Fr. LaVoie developed a twenty-page booklet describing what it means to be a Crusader, a “soldier for Christ,” and a “son of the Father.” That year, the first annual team retreat was an incredible success. Fr. LaVoie spoke with the young men about their faith and character, as soldiers for Christ and sons of God the Father. He also talked about academics, team unity, and leadership. He challenged them to be a “McDevitt Man.” The concept quickly caught on within the school. Soon coaches, teachers and parents alike held each football player to this expectation. Each year, the football team looks forward to the weekend retreat. The transformation of the Bishop McDevitt Football program and its student-athletes has been apparent to all those involved in Bishop McDevitt High School and Crusader Football.

Coach Weachter attributes the success of Crusader Football to the faculty and staff at Bishop McDevitt High School. He sees himself as a part of a greater mission. When asked why he stays at Bishop McDevitt High School, Jeff Weachter said, “To help the kids. Money can’t buy what we have here at McDevitt. Money can’t give you satisfaction. . . I think it is part of my mission in life. The Bible talks about helping people. We help these kids become men and better people.”

# Sports

## 2010-11 WINTER ATHLETICS

Tommy Mealy '96, Athletic Director

### BOYS' BASKETBALL

The boys' basketball team finished the regular season with a 14-8 record under third-year Head Coach Jeff Hoke. This would indicate the first winning season for the program since the 2000-2001 season, when the team finished 16-8 under Jim Rowe. The team had three seniors: Connor Arnold, Josh Barwin and Steven Koropchak. They were also led by rising juniors: Aaron Devan, Jaquan Johnson, DJ Polachek and Paishe Gaston.

At the beginning of the season, the team won two tournaments: *Central York Tip Off* and the *Suave Brothers Mechanicsburg Holiday*. During the week of January 10, 2011, the boys' team received the state ranking AAA Patriot News Honorable Mention. The team also played on local television (Channel 27) at East Pennsboro High School in a non-league game.

Junior guard Aaron DeVan, a Mid Penn Commonwealth 1st Team All-Star, led the team and mid-state in total points and total three-pointers made. Due to his offensive output, the team was one of the Mid Penn leaders in offensive production. McDevitt led the mid-state in team offense. After twenty-two games, they beat the team in 2<sup>nd</sup> place by over one hundred points.

The team entered the AAA District field as the sixth seed. They won an opening round victory over Schuylkill Valley High School 75-65, with twenty-nine points from DeVan. Next, the team played the quarterfinal game against Eastern York at Hershey's Giant Center where they were defeated 57-52. Playing back for an AAA PIAA berth, the team earned a signature victory over Trinity 62-55. This win marked the first time since the 1999-2000 Season that McDevitt Boys Basketball was in the AAA PIAA tournament. The team also recorded another playoff victory over Annville-Cleona High School 50-45 that gave the Crusaders a fifth seed from District III entering the PIAA AAA State Tournament.

Unfortunately the Crusaders were defeated in the First Round of the PIAA tournament by Octorara High School 58-54. It was a thrilling game that came down to the wire and the team closed out the season at 17-10. The team, coaching staff and seniors should be proud of the great season that put Crusader basketball back on the map.

Aaron DeVan was announced as a Patriot News Big 15 All-Star Selection.



### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The team finished the regular season 8-14 under Coach Sharon Woodward. They had a strong second half of the season, finishing 6-6 to close out the final twelve games. Signature victories included Central Dauphin, Cumberland Valley, and Central Dauphin East. The team also was featured on the new cable television game series, with a victory over East Pennsboro in front of the mid-state television audience on Channel 27.

The McDevitt Girls' Basketball Team was led by senior captains Hannah Coughlin, Amber McCoy, and Hilin Mattwo. Junior point guard Kelsie Maloney, a Mid Penn Commonwealth 2nd Team All-Star, was a team leader in steals and assists. Fellow junior sharpshooter Jackie Jones had good point production down the stretch. Amber McCoy finished as an Honorable Mention Commonwealth Mid Penn All-Star.

A senior game victory over CD East propelled the team to the first District III playoff berth since the 2006-2007 Season, by power rating as a number twenty seed. The team passed the first test with a tough win over Brandywine Heights 50-41, but fell short with a loss against a very good Oley Valley team 76-50. They closed out the season at 9-15.

Kelsie Maloney was announced Patriot News Big 15 All-Star Selection.

The indoor track and field team competed in six meets over the course of the winter at local colleges, such as Dickinson University, Lebanon Valley College, Susquehanna University and Lehigh University. The following athletes led the boys' team and placed at the meets: David Kotz '11, Zack Morrow '11, Elijah Harchak '11, Miles Williams '12, Matt Boland '11, Anthony Shingara '12, Nathan Showalter Jr. '13, Malik Zimmerman '13, Tyrell Hairston-Green '13, Josh Lincoln '12, Pat Narus '12, Tony Harris '11 and Mark Caruso '14. The girls' team also saw the likes of Yaneshia Gaston '11, Kameko Webb '13, Imani Crowder '13, Ieisha Jackson '12, Jayme Olson '12, Lauren Lopatic '13, Imani West '14, and LaKeya McCraw '14. Senior sprinter Yaneshia Gaston was a PIAA indoor state qualifier in the 200 meter dash where she ran a 25.92 and finished 17<sup>th</sup> overall statewide at Penn State University.



## SWIMMING

The co-ed swimming teams had very respectable seasons under first-year Coach Milvana Ban. As a McDevitt graduate, Ban led the boys' team to a 3-3 record and the girls' team 2-3-1. Several swimmers qualified for the AA Mid Penn Tournament: Amanda Walker '11, Brooke Plevinsky '12, Courtney Dempsey '14, Danielle Balint '14, Alyssa Massaro '14, Luke Benedict '11, Shaun Weber '12, Dominic Licata '12, Evan Weber '13, Anthony Pompei '14, and Mark Salvatore '11.

Following are the swimmers who placed at the *Northern Polar Bear Plunge* meet: Jara Welker '12, Boys 400 freestyle relay, Girls 200 medley relay, Leigh Douglas '13, Francesca Licata '13, Addie Lauver '12, Amy Gifford '12 and the 400 freestyle relay. The girls' team placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall for the competition.

Lastly, AA District III qualifiers included: Luke Benedict, Amanda Walker, Mark Salvatore, Dominic Licata, Brooke Plevinsky, Shaun Weber, Evan Weber, Anthony Pompei, Danielle Balint, Courtney Dempsey, and Alyssa Massaro. Benedict placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100 Breaststroke, breaking the school record and qualifying for the PIAA AA meet. Also the boys 200 medley relay placed 5<sup>th</sup> and the 400 freestyle relay placed 8<sup>th</sup>. Relay members were Weber, Licata, Pompei and Benedict. For the girls' team, Amanda Walker medaled at 7<sup>th</sup> place in the 100 breaststroke.

## WRESTLING

The wrestling team continues to take shape under first year Coach Scott Lindsey. Wrestlers and underclassmen Terence White '14 and Steve Varner '12 led the team in victories and placed high in several tournaments. White won 1st place in the December Mt. Carmel Tournament at his 103lb weight class. Other underclassmen Ben Mosey '14, Marco Navarro '14, John Bircher '13, and Porter Miller '13 also contributed to the team.

On January 15th, 2011, the first annual David Costabile Memorial Duals was held at Bishop McDevitt High School. The teams in attendance were Bishop McDevitt, Annville-Cleona, Columbia, Ephrata, West York, and Milton Hershey. Wrestling started at eight o'clock in the morning. The home crowd saw the Crusaders wrestle tough (51-29) to avenge their 72-0 loss to Milton Hershey. Forfeiting seven weights, the team won in matches wrestled! The team wrestled hard the entire day and scored points in every match wrestled. Terrence White went 5-0 on the day, Steve Varner went 4-0, Rashad Lawson '14 went 2-3, and Ben Mosey went 4-1. Porter Miller, Marco Navarro, and John Bircher contributed to the effort as well. The tournament was won by Annville-Cleona with a 5-0 record. Bishop McDevitt's John Bircher received the Sportsmanship Award for his effort throughout the day. The team will host this dual tournament again next year, in January 2012.



## BOWLING

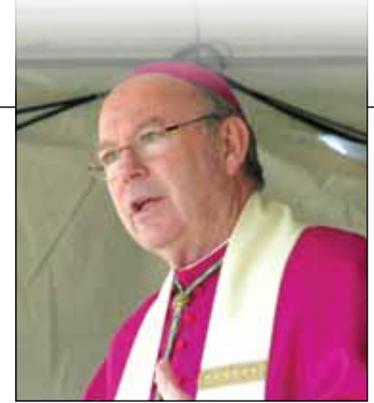
The Bowling Team completed its fourth season under the leadership of Coach Cyndi Kirkpatrick. The team participates in the Harrisburg Area Interscholastic Bowling League which consists of nine local high schools from the east and west shores. The home matches for the team were held at the local Red Crown Bowling Center. The program has averaged nearly 30 team members and has been able to build four separate five-man teams; two varsity and two junior varsity teams and a few alternates. This past season, Emily Wicker '13 received an award for improving her average throughout the season. The varsity girls' team ranked second out of eight division teams. The team consisted of Danielle Koury '12, Kristen VanderWoude '11, Bianca Wheaton '11, Lisa Hartwell '12 and Caitlin Anderson '11.

## ICE HOCKEY

This winter, the Crusader Ice Hockey team merged with Cedar Cliff to take home the Tier III Championship Title after defeating Northern 7-2 in late February. The Crusader players on the team are Evan Bensch '11, Bobby Zwigart '14, Caleb Avery '12, David Nanna '13, Logan Shaulis '13 and Andrew O'Gorman '13. Senior Evan Bensch was selected for the All Star game and skills competition for the CPIHL hockey league and that game was played at the York Ice Rink in late February.

## GYMNASTICS

Alyssa Zelko '13 is the lone athlete competing in gymnastics this winter for McDevitt. She was a district qualifier in the vault and qualified for the state meet in February. Alyssa scored an 8.23 on her vault which placed her tenth out of fifty-one competitors in the PA Classic Gymnastics meet.



The Most Reverend Joseph P. McFadden, Bishop of Harrisburg

# Ground Broken for Bishop McDevitt HIGH SCHOOL

By Jen Reed, *The Catholic Witness*

Joyful refrains echoed across sloping hills and spacious fields off Spring Creek Road in Harrisburg's Lower Paxton Township April 14 as hundreds gathered for the anticipated groundbreaking of the new Bishop McDevitt High School.

Expressions of congratulations, shouts of "We're breaking ground today" and melodies of the school concert choir singing the words "This the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" brought to life the site of the school's future 87-acre campus.

"We walked up here for the groundbreaking today, and I didn't know all of this space existed," Bishop McDevitt senior Eilish Welsh marveled as she surveyed the land.

"To think of what will be here is just amazing. I've seen a lot of the pictures of what the school will look like, and it's beautiful," she said. "It's amazing to see how many wonderful resources it will have for the future students. I'm so excited for the future generations to be here."

The "future students" to which Eilish referred aren't too far off. School officials announced at the ceremony that the new facility is scheduled for completion during the 2012-2013 academic year.

Among those eager to set foot in the new school is the Spreha family of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Harrisburg.

Three-year-old Camille Spreha came to the groundbreaking ceremony with her grandmother Rosemary Spreha. On the little girl's pink jacket was a pin proclaiming her to be a member of McDevitt's class of 2026.

Rosemary Spreha, who taught at the school for 16 years and whose sons graduated from Bishop McDevitt, said "The spirit of family and community was something that we valued, and it's something I hope to have for my grandkids."

## *Fulfilling the Promise...*

To complete the construction of the \$42 million project, fund-raising efforts will continue through the "Fulfilling the Promise" campaign.

"The support of our alumni and friends will undoubtedly help move this project forward to completion. We know this because the McDevitt community understands the true meaning and the importance of 'Fulfilling the Promise,'" Rocco Ortenzio, a 1950 graduate of the former Harrisburg Catholic High School, remarked during the groundbreaking ceremony. 'Fulfilling the Promise' is a vision that is just as important today as it was eight decades ago when Bishop McDevitt himself stood before the new high school and opened the doors for the very first time."

"For over 80 years, 20,000 alumni have utilized their education to become the leaders in the halls of business, government, education, the arts and the Church," Mr. Ortenzio said. "This proud 80-year legacy of Bishop McDevitt's outstanding academic excellence will be continued and enhanced in a new, state-of-the-art modern facility complete with campus to best meet all the needs of our students, faculty and administration in a very friendly and spacious environment. That further will improve the outcomes of our future graduates."

The new Bishop McDevitt High School campus will feature a 175,000-square-foot academic facility, a 1,200-seat auditorium, 120-seat chapel, 1,000-seat gym, a state-of-the-art library, performing arts center and athletic facilities, including a football stadium and an arena for wrestling, basketball and other sporting events. Classrooms will include technology-driven science labs, computer labs and art and home economic labs.

During the April 14 ceremony, which included the Rite of Blessing, Bishop Joseph McFadden opened his remarks by saying, "The only thing I can think to say is, 'This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.'"

He said the high school's relocation to a new site is "not because the mission has changed" but rather because of the "need to have a new facility to be able to address what has been addressed for 80 years by Bishop McDevitt High School, and that is the education of our youth."

"There is no greater gift that God gives to us than the gift of our children. There's no more important task for each of us than to make sure that we help our young people to be able to achieve what the Lord asks them to achieve in their life, and most importantly to help them understand who they are," Bishop McFadden remarked. "That's why Bishop McDevitt High School is so important. It teaches our young people to understand that they have been made in the image and likeness of God, that they are God's children. That is really the focus of the work at Bishop McDevitt High School, to help our young people to take the gifts and talents that God has

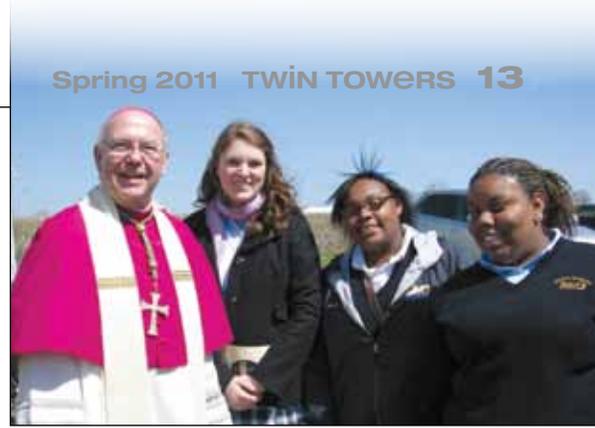




Mr. Rocco A. Ortenzio '50 addressed those attending the ceremony.



Remarks were given by Sr. Mary Anne Bednar, IHM.



given to them, to develop them to the best of their potential, and to be able to use them to help build the Kingdom of God as we go forward.”

Priests and school officials joined Bishop McFadden in donning construction hats and pitching shovels into the ground to signify the start of the building process. Among the participants were Msgr. William King, Diocesan Vicar General; Father Edward Quinlan, Diocesan Secretary for Education; Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Mary Anne Bednar, Principal; Thomas DeAngelis, School Board President; John DiSanto, Building Committee Chair; Mr. Ortenzio, Co-Founder and executive Chairman of the Select Medical Corporation; Robert Luddy, class of 1963 and President of CaptiveAire; Carmen Finestra, class of 1965 and Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign; State Rep. Ronald Marsico, class of 1965; Angela DiMartile Ortenzio, class of 1978 and Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign; Father Thomas Rozman, class of 1978 and Future Use Committee Chair; and Brian Szeles, class of 1981, representing the Szeles Family.

“Bishop McDevitt High School is a very special place. The spirit, the tradition, the bonds that exist are unique and lasting. You never stop being a Crusader,” Sister Mary Anne Bednar remarked.

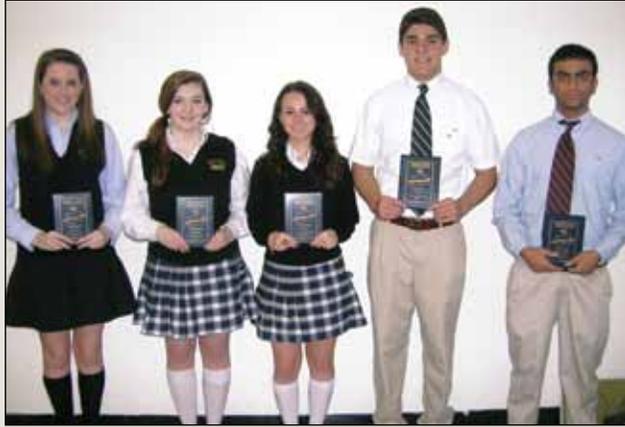
“The legacy and mission of Bishop McDevitt High School are woven into the very fabric of our daily lives and activities at school. This is the same mission embraced by our founder, Bishop Philip R. McDevitt, when he established Catholic High over 90 years ago. It is the same legacy and mission that drove Bishop McDevitt to fight vigorously and work tirelessly to fulfill the promise of providing a quality Catholic education for all who wanted it by building a new Catholic High at 2200 Market Street when the North Street site could no longer meet the school's needs. And it is that same legacy and mission that will carry us forward from our present site to this site where we stand today, the site of our beautiful new 87-acre-campus.”

The Fulfilling the Promise Campaign has begun to target various classes in an effort to organize class gifts. Individuals who would be interested in contributing to a class gift, soliciting gifts from classmates, or assisting in organizing their class, should contact Sister Mary Anne Bednar, IHM or Cheri Comasco at (717) 236-7973 ext 400 or email [advancement@bishopmcdevitt.org](mailto:advancement@bishopmcdevitt.org). Additional information about the campaign, including building updates, can be viewed on our website [www.bishopmcdevitt.org](http://www.bishopmcdevitt.org). For your added convenience you may also make a gift online. Thank you in advance for your support.



## FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA (FBLA)

The Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference took place on April 4 and 5, 2011 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. Over four thousand FBLA members from across the keystone state attended the conference. Sixteen Bishop McDevitt students qualified in their events at the regional conference in December. These students elected to attend the state conference in April, where they attended many valuable workshops and competed in their respective events against some of the best and brightest students from across the state.



Pictured left to right: Colleen Deignan, Caitlin Kennedy, Christina Fulponi, Alessandro DiSanto, Syed Tahir.

Congratulations to the following FBLA member who placed in their respective events:

- Alessandro DiSanto '11 placed 9th in the state in Economics.
- Syed Tahir '12 placed 8th in Business Procedures.
- The team of Colleen Deignan '12, Caitlin Kennedy '12, and Christina Fulponi '12 placed 4th in Business Ethics.

Mr. Eric Mark, Social Studies Department Chair



## THE MOCK TRIAL TEAM

The Mock Trial team, consisting of Alessandro DiSanto '11, Michael Pipa '11, Rachel Miller '11, James Kuniega '13, Carron Barboza '13, Elizabeth Ciccocioppo '11, Daniel Guarracino '13, Joe Clavin '13, and Bianca DiSanto '13, has just completed another successful season. These students were able to take on the role of either attorney or witness, learn the rules of a courtroom, and compete against other local schools at the Dauphin County Courthouse.

The picture includes some of the team members after a recent trial with Judge John F. Cherry.

Mr. Eric Mark, Social Studies Department Chair

## SPANISH CLUB

In March, we celebrated World Language Week. Students created T-shirts that represented different types of music in the Spanish-speaking world and made Latino food for an International Luncheon. At the end of March, the Spanish Club went to Baltimore to see a musical presentation by "Mexican Fiesta and Latin Rhythms." Students participated by singing and dancing (some brave students even joined the musicians up on stage). Then the Club enjoyed lunch at Inner Harbor.

Mrs. Cheryl Reider, Spanish Department

## FRENCH CLUB

As the year is beginning to wind down, the French Club is looking forward to our annual field trip. After enjoying delicious crêpes at our recent Mardi Gras party, we are ready to take on the city of brotherly love – Philadelphia! There we will visit the Philadelphia Museum of Art and view their "magnifique" French Impressionistic Collection, as well as a special exhibition of Marc Chagall's "Paris through the window." While in Philadelphia, we simply cannot resist a visit to the Rodin Museum, of course. We have had nothing but fun this year, with things such as the King's Cake from Laura Bircher and her family. When Mary Ellen Grap '14 found the baby Jesus in the King's Cake, she became Queen of our Mardi Gras fête. As our meetings come to a close, we intend to end the year with a bang in Philadelphia.

This year's World Language Week proved to be a great success, especially for the French classes. Throughout the week, classes listened to and sang very catchy French songs, watched French DVD's, and completed countless puzzles (tout en français bein sûr). Winners were chosen from the talented few who completed French T-shirts and flags representing French speaking countries.

A winner also was chosen for the most creative poster hanging in the school hall. The French language was heard over morning announcements and prayers, as well as at the Foreign Language Mass, which was "très belle." And the cuisine was delectable at the International Luncheon. There were so many good dishes to choose from and all leftovers were donated to a local food kitchen. If all of this does not convince you how "chouette" French class is, then "je ne sais pas" what will?!

Sarah Osmolinski '11





## MUSICAL: THE PAJAMA GAME

On April 8, 9 and 10, Bishop McDevitt actors, singers, dancers and crew took to the stage for the production of *The Pajama Game*. Based on the novel *Seven and a Half Cents* by Richard Bissell, *The Pajama Game* was the winner of the 1955 Tony Award for Best Musical. The setting for the show is the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory, where conditions are anything but peaceful, as sparks fly between new superintendent Sid Sorokin, played by Christopher Dunlap '11, and Babe Williams, leader of the union grievance committee who was portrayed by Kaitlin Pagliaro '13. Their stormy relationship comes to a head when the workers strike for a seven and one half cent pay increase, setting off not only a conflict between management and labor, but also a battle of the sexes as well. The cast also included Tony Bender as Vernon Hines, Lexi Fazzolari as Gladys Hotchkiss, Micah Delp as Prez, Rebecca Mullins as Mabel, Mark Salvatore as Hasler, and Alessandra Amoros as Mae. Under the direction of first-year Director Sally Keaveney, the show's production staff also included Assistant Director Kyle Shrauder, and Choreographer Elizabeth Robinson. In an effort to reach out to the community, the show partnered with PinnacleHealth on the *Pajama Program*, a nationwide charity that provides new pajamas and books to children in foster care or temporary housing awaiting adoption. Over seventy-five pairs of pajamas were collected for the program during the course of the weekend's productions.



## MINI-THON

### CRUSADERS CARE

On Saturday, March 12, 2011, over two hundred students, faculty and staff spent seven hours on their feet participating in Bishop McDevitt's first-ever Mini-THON. Activities such as ping pong tournaments, bungee racing, Rock Band, Just Dance, and corn hole were very popular. While many Crusaders enjoyed flinging themselves into the air against a Velcro Wall, other students had the opportunity to showcase their talent during the open mic show. The evening culminated in a fierce dodge ball tournament.

The event, organized by the Student Council with the help of many teacher and parent volunteers, was successful in raising over \$6,000 to benefit the Four Diamonds Fund. The mission of The Four Diamonds Fund is to conquer childhood cancer by assisting children treated at Penn State Hershey's Children's Hospital and their families.

The Student Council already is planning for next year's Mini-THON.

*Mrs. Aubrey Lee, English Department*



## ALPHABET SOUP ACTIVITY

For the last ten years, when Mr. Tommy Mealy's '96 American History classes study Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) and The New Deal, they do an activity called "Alphabet Soup." During this activity, students list and explain FDR's Alphabet Agencies. Mr. Mealy thought of this idea in the year 2000 when he was grocery shopping in the cereal aisle. Every year since then, he has applied it to his American History classes. The materials needed include: Alphabet Cereal Boxes, Bowls, Glue, Long Paper, and Pen.

The kids on their long paper must write down in chart format:

- ❖ Abbreviation (in Alphabet Cereal Letters)
- ❖ Write out the title of the agency
- ❖ Write out the explanation of the agency

It has been a very beneficial activity for the course. The kids work in groups to encourage cooperation on a task. After they complete it, they read over the finished project and Mr. Mealy begins to address the Alphabet New Deal Agencies, resulting in a good discussion.

# crusader

## Jillian Kinsey '11

I heard about Jillian Kinsey long before I met her. She was the recipient of four national writing awards through the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers and had not as yet graduated from eighth grade. A writing dynamo in a tiny package of perfect diction, who was probably still separating her Skittles by color before she ate them, would soon be a student at McDevitt. Silently thrilled, I waited for three years until she and her pen composed themselves sufficiently and landed in my Composition Class.

Jillian smiles when she writes. An idea blossoms in her head and the grin goes from her chin through her elbows and fingers, landing softly on the lined paper. Sometimes she throws a small toss of her head at the computer screen, crosses her legs with determination and the writing process begins. Words become sentences, sentences form paragraphs and everything flows through her heart and her spirit, gathering up the commonality of the human condition that she so instinctively explores.

A natural writer, Jillian only required two things from me as her teacher and I was able to give her both: the time to write and lots of comments on her papers. My narratives supported her work, providing little editing and loads of affirmation. In return, she opened the door of her writer's life to me and her fellow students with such topics as her love/hate relationship with the theater, the joy of wearing braces, and Aunt Jemima as supreme leader of the canned goods in her kitchen cabinets. Each chosen subject is personal and tackled with intelligent speculation, wide-eyed joy and a humorous bit of satire for spice.

My wish for Jillian is that she continues to write her life through college and beyond. I am certain she will always have the spark of an idea ready to bubble forth in composition as well as an appreciative audience who is willing to read and understand.

Carole E. Bush  
English Department Chair

*In deciding what to compose for my final year of Scholastic Writing, I glanced at my bookshelf for inspiration. Perhaps some form of divine intervention on behalf of the literary gods led me to pull three of my favorite childhood stories from my collection. I greatly attribute the ignition of my love for reading and all things creative to Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking Glass*, Sir J.M. Barrie's *Peter Pan*, and J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* series.*

*While I pondered the theme that is woven throughout these three books, I realized that it greatly correlates to my own life. As I venture to NYU in the fall, it is crucial that I remember one lesson: the joy of youth lasts forever – as long as we are willing to let it.*

*I chose to write a dramatic script combining these novels and decided that it should take place on an episode of *Dr. Phil*. The infamous television host is desperately trying to calm the distressed J. K. Rowling, who is mourning the termination of *Harry Potter*.*

*My script, entitled *Lumos*, is a comical play, yet it cements a theme of accepting change, but remembering the past. J. K. Rowling realizes that a spell she once created for *Harry* now applies to her own life. "*Lumos*" – there is light at the end of the wand.*

*This piece won a National American Voices Award and I will receive the medal in late May at Carnegie Hall in New York City. On that night, my mentor, Mrs. Carole Bush, will be in my thoughts, for she has pushed my pen in so many ways.*

### Jillian's National Scholastic Writing Achievements Include:

- National Gold Medal for Humor, "Prince of the Pencils"
- National Gold Medal for Personal Memoir and Regional Gold Key for Journalism, "Bring Your 'E' Game"
- National Silver Medal for Humor, "Brace Yourself"
- National Gold Medal for Journalism, "Rise Up"
- Regional Gold Key for Humor, "All's Fair in Love and Theatre"
- Regional Gold Key for Writing Portfolio, "Lumos"
- National American Voices Award for Dramatic Script, *Lumos*



# LUMOS (An Excerpt)

*[This scene depicts Sir J.M. Barrie's advice for J.K. Rowling and Dr. Phil's futile attempt to diagnose her struggles. Also on stage at this point is author Lewis Carroll.]*

**DR. PHIL:** I would now like to introduce Sir James Matthew Barrie, the author of *Peter Pan*. Sir Barrie, Peter Pan is considered one of the most beloved literary characters of all time. How did you come up with your story and why is Peter still so popular today?

**BARRIE:** Well, good Doctor, it all began when my brother, David, died in a skating accident. He was just fourteen at the time. I realized, at a very young age, that David would forever be a boy in the minds of all who knew him. Though I was deeply saddened at the loss of my older brother, this thought intrigued me. To be a boy forever! What a wonderful thing.

As I grew older, my life was marked by much tragedy. I married, but my wife could not bear children. How this disappointed me. One afternoon while I was walking my Saint Bernard in the Kensington Gardens in London, I met the Llewellyn Davies boys, George, Jack, Peter, and Michael. They became the children I never had. For years, the boys inspired me. I so loved to tell them stories and make them laugh. I needed them. And maybe they needed me, too. George was killed in World War I, and Michael, who could not swim, drowned in the Thames. Dear Michael, the "boy who would never grow old." I came to think of Never Never Land, a place where children could go and have fun when they died. The thought of Never Never Land seemed to calm the boys over the loss of their brothers.

**DR. PHIL:** So the Llewellyn Davies children became the Lost Boys?

**BARRIE:** Yes. And Peter Pan became their hero. So to answer your question... why is Peter so loved? Because innocence is loved. Humanity cherishes youth, naiveté, and imagination. Peter stands for all of that and more. He does not wish to enter adulthood and take on responsibility or hardship. He wants, simply, to have fun. Forever. And who could ever protest such a wonderful wish? *(audience applause)*

**DR. PHIL:** Right you are. So, Sir Barrie, what do you believe Joanne should do?

**BARRIE:** Nothing more than what she has already done. It is not in Harry's being to stay a child forever. His childhood is marked with much sorrow, correct?

**ROWLING:** *(smiling sadly)* Very much.

**BARRIE:** Harry is not Peter. They are so very different in nature. What you must understand, Joanne, is that you have already immortalized Harry. For centuries to come, children will be nestled in their beds, reading about Hogwarts and spells and creatures that you have created. Just because you have finished telling the story does not mean that your story is finished being told.

**ROWLING:** *(with tears in her eyes)* Thank you, Sir Barrie.

**BARRIE:** You are quite welcome. You have much talent, Joanne. *(tipping his top hat to her)*

**DR. PHIL:** Thank you, Sir Barrie, for your kind advice. Now, Joanne, I just had another thought. Do you love yourself? Do you look in the mirror and admire the person you see?

**CARROLL:** *(to BARRIE)* I should have brought my magic mushrooms to this affair.

**ROWLING:** I...I don't particularly have a problem with my reflection. I don't think that's it.

**DR. PHIL:** Why is that?

**ROWLING:** Why is what?

**DR. PHIL:** Why do you not have a problem with your reflection? Why do you love yourself?

**CARROLL:** Good Lord. Dig that peace pipe out of your pocket, Sir Barrie. I need a smoke.

**DR. PHIL:** Joanne, I believe you need to utilize the twelve-step program.

**CARROLL:** She's an alcoholic now? Oh, this is nonsense. And that, sir, is coming from the King of Nonsensical Things!

**DR. PHIL:** Yes, Joanne, the twelve-step program instituted by Depressed Writers Anonymous. The first step is admitting that you have already written the end of your story. The second step...

**ROWLING:** *(cutting him off)* With all due respect, Dr. Phil, I really don't think this program is necessary. I am already feeling a bit better.

**DR. PHIL:** *(disappointed)* I see. Perhaps we can discuss the program some other time, Joanne.

**CARROLL:** *(under his breath)* Dumbledore just rolled over in his grave.

# Luke Benedict '11

Bishop McDevitt High School always has been a part of Luke Benedict's life. The last of John and Lou Ann Benedict's three sons to attend McDevitt, Luke never considered other high schools. Following his brothers, Robert '03 and John ("Chip") '07, Luke explained, "It just seemed natural to come here."

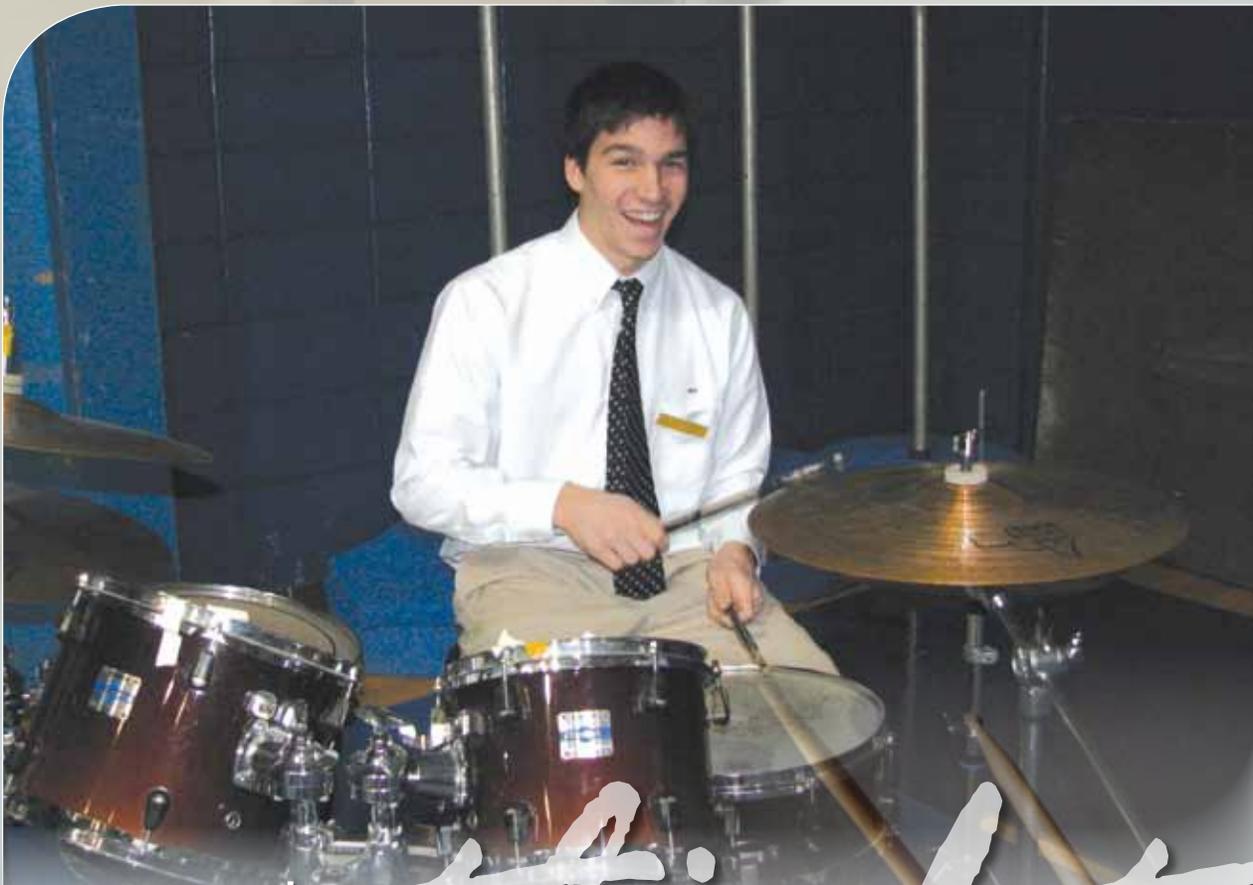
Even while Luke attended Holy Name of Jesus School, much of his time was spent at Bishop McDevitt High School. Since Robert and Chip were students at the time, Luke was familiar with the school before he became a McDevitt student. In eighth grade, Luke and his classmate, Henry Eichman '11, were asked to join the Bishop McDevitt Marching Band. Five years later, he and Henry are still close friends and members of the band, serving as percussion section leaders for three years. Band continues to be one of his favorite activities.

In addition to the Marching Band, Luke is an excellent student and involved in many other activities. During his time at McDevitt, Luke has been an honors student. He enjoys writing, especially creative writing. Last year and this year, he won a Gold Key at the Scholastic Writing Contest. Calculus is his favorite class, though, and he hopes to attend Lehigh Valley College to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. When he is not in class, Luke takes part in

the Student Ambassador program at Bishop McDevitt, as well as the National Honor Society. He also swims competitively for the Bishop McDevitt Swim Team. Last year, he qualified for States in the 200 and 400 freestyle. This year, Luke continued the trend by qualifying for States in the 100 breaststroke.

In his free time, Luke likes to be with his family, hang out with friends, and play music. Music is an important part of the Benedict family and a favorite pastime for Luke. At seven years of age, he began playing the drums. Then, he learned to play the piano as a freshman at Bishop McDevitt. Currently, he is a member of The Sweetbriar Patch band with two of his McDevitt friends, Henry Eichman '11 and Chris Dunlap '11. One of his dreams would be to play music professionally.

When asked about his experience at McDevitt, Luke Benedict spoke about the "family aspect" of Bishop McDevitt High School. He appreciated the familiarity from being around Bishop McDevitt for most of his life. He said that it was "cool that seventy years ago, someone's grandparents went here." Luke encourages current and future students to "get involved. Keep that feeling of family and tradition alive. You really get a lot out of it. It is something that will stay with you for the rest of your life."



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# Featured *Alum* Kelly Basciano Brazzo '94

Bishop McDevitt High School offers its students a foundation that will sustain them for the rest of their lives. These are the thoughts of Kelly Basciano Brazzo '94, speaking from her own experience at Bishop McDevitt High School. She is grateful for the education she received and the relationships she formed at McDevitt. They have carried her through the many twists and turns of life, including the recent diagnosis of her daughter, Samantha, with Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy.

Kelly loved her time at Bishop McDevitt. To this day, she stays in frequent contact with her classmates and considers them some of her closest friends. She is grateful for the academic, moral, social, and spiritual foundation that she received at McDevitt. During high school, Kelly took advantage of many opportunities. She was involved in the musicals, the Pro-Life Club, the National Honor Society, and was the class secretary during her senior year. Her experience at Bishop McDevitt has remained with her ever since.

Kelly pursued higher education after she graduated. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. During her time at Old Dominion, she minored in Special Education and performed on the ODU Dance Team. Tragically, Kelly's father passed away unexpectedly during her junior year of college. This was a difficult time for Kelly and her family. Yet, Kelly continued her education with a Masters degree in Speech-Language Pathology, graduating from Teachers College, Columbia University in New York City in the year 2000.

After graduating from Columbia University, Kelly remained in New York City for two more years, working as a Speech Pathologist at Columbia University's New York Presbyterian Hospital. After witnessing the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Kelly decided to move closer to

home. In 2002, she moved to Old City in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she managed a Speech Therapy department at St. Agnes Medical Center in South Philadelphia. One month later, in September 2002, she met her future husband on a blind date. Within eight months, Kelly and Keith Brazzo were married after which they lived in Harrisburg for one year.

Then, they moved to Lancaster, PA when Keith accepted a position at Foot and Ankle Associates of Lancaster. In December of 2004, their first daughter, Marina Lynn, was born. At that time, Kelly began to work from home as a Realtor, appreciative of a more flexible schedule. In November of 2007, Samantha was born. In 2008, Kelly returned to Speech-Language Pathology at the Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 where she has been ever since. She evaluates and treats children with special needs from kindergarten through high school.

When Samantha turned two years old, Keith and Kelly began to notice that although Samantha was a happy and bright child, she tended to fall frequently and had difficulty physically keeping up with her peers. She began receiving physical therapy at the age of two and although she progressed, she continued to have physical challenges. After visiting Shriners, Dupont, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and The National Institute of Health, Samantha finally received a diagnosis. Samantha had a rare form of Muscular Dystrophy called Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy Type 2I. With this condition, Samantha is unable to produce the FKRP protein that is necessary for proper muscle development. Limb-Girdle Type 2I is one of the most progressive types of Muscular Dystrophy. Unless research finds a way to slow or stop the degeneration process, Samantha could experience severe cardiovascular and respiratory problems and may lose the ability to walk independently by early adolescence.

Amidst the tragedy of Samantha's diagnosis, Keith and Kelly began The Samantha J. Brazzo Foundation. It is only the second documented non-profit foundation to exist for Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy (LGMD). Since all of the expenses for the foundation are paid by Keith and Kelly, one hundred percent of the donations are given directly toward research facilities, including McColl-Lockwood Laboratory in North Carolina and Dr. Chamberlain's Laboratory in Seattle, Washington. These research facilities are conducting cutting-edge research to slow the degeneration process of muscles and eventually find a cure for LGMD. In the fall of 2011, there will be a fundraising activity for the Foundation and awareness of Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy. More details will be posted on their website in the near future. Please email Kelly at [kbrazzo@yahoo.com](mailto:kbrazzo@yahoo.com) with any questions or to get involved. Keith and Kelly are so grateful for the generosity, support, and encouragement of so many people that have reached out to them since the discovery of this disease.

To offer encouragement and support to the Brazzo family and The Samantha J. Brazzo Foundation please visit their website at [www.curelghmd.com](http://www.curelghmd.com) or send your tax-deductible contributions to:

**The Samantha J. Brazzo Foundation**  
**590 Centerville Road #340**  
**Lancaster, PA 17601**



# Dr. Kenneth Graf '62

## "Know that you are living in historic times. Be

These are the words of Dr. Kenneth W. Graf '62, surgeon and colonel in the United States Army. Trained in Surgery, he has provided care in Surgery and Critical Care for those wounded in combat. He has served the United States Army Medical Corps in Kosovo, Germany, Iraq, and twice in Afghanistan. The accepted Mission is to provide emergency medical attention to U.S. military personnel, allies, civilians, and enemies alike. On February 24, 2011, Dr. Graf shared his experiences with Mr. Eric Mark's senior Social Studies classes.

Dr. Graf remembers his time at Bishop McDevitt High School very positively. Originally from the West Shore, Dr. Graf stated that going to McDevitt was the best thing that could have happened to him. At Bishop McDevitt, he met students and friends from diverse backgrounds. He was taught discipline by the I.H.M Sisters and played both basketball and football. Dr. Graf mentioned that it was an honor to play football at McDevitt during that time, as much as it is today.

After graduating from high school, Dr. Graf attended the University of Notre Dame. Rather than continuing to play football, he joined the wrestling team. In 1963, during his sophomore year, the role of the United States escalated in Vietnam. Dr. Graf was drafted into the United States Army at the Great Lakes Naval Center. Twice he was deferred, enabling him to finish college at Notre Dame and complete medical school in Philadelphia by July of 1970. Dr. Graf's advisor at Notre Dame encouraged him to pursue a career in the medical field after expressing interest in the sciences and chemistry. Dr. Graf shared his words of encouragement, "If you really like it, put yourself to it. Don't sell yourself short and don't be afraid to stretch your limits." Immediately after graduating medical school, he was trained at the Harrisburg Hospital where he completed a five year residency in Surgery care. He served for six years as a General Medical Officer with the 316 Station Hospital located in Harrisburg. Following an honorable military discharge in 1976, he began his Surgical Practice and helped to form The Susquehanna Surgeons. Presently, he is a full-time Surgeon on the staff of the Lebanon Veterans Administration Medical Center.



Dr. Kenneth Graf '62, Sr. Mary Anne Bednar, IHM, and Mr. Eric Mark.

As Dr. Graf shared his experiences with the Bishop McDevitt Seniors, he relayed the realities of war, the heroism of those serving in the U.S. military and its allies, as well as the conditions of civilians, especially those in Afghanistan. In a compelling presentation that included images and video clips, the Bishop McDevitt Seniors witnessed the brutality of war, as well as the unseen courage and heroism of many soldiers, medical personnel, and civilians victimized by war.

In 2003, at the age of fifty-nine, Dr. Graf reenlisted. Following basic training, he was deployed to the Balkans (Kosovo and Bosnia) as the only surgeon for the United States Army and NATO Forces. Kept very busy, Dr. Graf said that it was a good way to "get his feet wet in a hostile environment." During this time, the U.S. military often was fighting alongside local Muslims against the Serbian Christians. His experiences included bombings, a lot of snow, and numerous injuries caused by mines.

Eighteen months after returning from Kosovo, Dr. Graf was sent on a ninety day tour in 2005 to the barren country of Afghanistan. He was stationed at the Bagram Airbase in a Combat Support hospital. Receiving protection from aircraft and the 25th Infantry, Dr. Graf and the medical unit arrived safely at the main U.S. base at the foot of the Hindu Kush Mountain Range. Living in tents and B-huts under primitive conditions, he treated patients arriving daily to the Hospital. Out of respect for Islam, the hospital was marked by a red crescent rather than a red cross. It housed two operating tables and an early model CAT scan, allowing him to treat most injuries effectively. Amidst chaos, brutalities, and life-threatening injuries, all staff members remained calm and performed their jobs in the operating room and throughout the Hospital. Much love and hands-on care was needed. Kohst, Afghanistan, is a dangerous place for soldiers and civilians alike. In reference to the ruthless opposition, Dr. Graf explained



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# aware of that. Soldier on. Do what is right.”

“If you are not with them, you are against them.” With the rules of engagement constantly changing, Dr. Graf said that U.S. soldiers never knew what was going to be “around the next bend.” One day when a film crew arrived to film a documentary, mass casualties were brought to them. The United States is perhaps the only country that provides medical attention to the injured enemy. As Dr. Graf explained, “We care for the enemy like our own.” During his time in Afghanistan, Dr. Graf cared for numerous horrific injuries, including landmine, gunshot, and head wounds. He and the medical team committed countless hours to healing U.S. soldiers, allies, civilians, and enemies alike.

Soon after returning home in 2006, he was deployed to serve in a Level I trauma care center at Landstuhl, Germany. During his ninety days in Germany, he was promoted to colonel. Dr. Graf emphasized to students that there is nothing pretty about war. Most injuries he treated in Germany were the result of blasts and burns, and many soldiers lost limbs. Essentially, the opposition disregards any rules of engagement, so the medical team never knew what injuries they would see. Dr. Graf applauded the highly trained medical evacuation teams and hospital personnel, who could evacuate the injured from the desolate, rough, and dangerous battlefields to the U.S. hospital in as little as eighteen hours in some instances. The medical aircraft could transport eight ICU patients at one time, while two emergency operations could be conducted on the unit while in flight. The evacuation teams and hospital personnel kept the survival rate at approximately ninety percent.

In 2008, Dr. Graf was sent to Tikrit, Iraq, the hot and dusty hometown of Saddam Hussein, who already had been captured. For five months in Tikrit, Dr. Graf worked at what is considered a second tier hospital, a.k.a. a well-equipped tent. At the beginning of his tour in Iraq, there was a surge in American troop presence. As a result, Dr. Graf said that they would see up to four severely injured soldiers a day. During the day, temperatures could reach 136 degrees Fahrenheit. Fully equipped in uniforms and protective gear, the soldiers had to fight against dehydration as well as the enemy. Sometimes, even camels would be armed with explosives and much of the fighting would take place at night. During less dangerous periods, the soldiers tried to catch a few hours of sleep or play baseball with a stick and a ball of socks. Dr. Graf described the U.S. soldiers as “very well trained

warriors who love their country and are deeply committed to the mission and each other.”

Last year, in 2010, he was called back to Afghanistan for a five month tour. After intense training at Reider Hospital in Miami, Florida, he and only twenty other medical personnel, seventeen soldiers and four surgeons, were sent to “the middle of nowhere” to set up a hospital. In conditions similar to Dr. Graf’s previous commission to Afghanistan, the team continued to offer medical care to any person brought to them. He reminded students that “we are all flesh and blood,” so it is his duty to protect and treat all injured.

As his presentation came to a close, Dr. Graf shared with students a video of the tragedy on September 11, 2001, reminding them why the United States military is in the Middle East fighting to protect the United States and all innocent people. He also applauded the courage of injured soldiers who now must readjust to civilian life.

Dr. Graf challenges students, alumni, and friends of Bishop McDevitt High School to be aware that they are living in historic times. The world is global, due greatly to the Internet, so it is important to be conscious of their surroundings. He stated that a great generation is needed today in our Country. He encourages the students to build on the values that they are given at Bishop McDevitt High School, because in the end they must have the courage to make decisions that are based on what is moral and right.

Bishop McDevitt High School is grateful to Dr. Kenneth Graf, as well all those in the U.S. military, for their service, sacrifice, courage, and commitment to the United States and its values. We send our gratitude, thoughts and prayers.



*Athletic Director Mr. Tommy Mealy '96 and Dr. Kenneth Graf '62.*



# Advancement news

## ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

Rapidly we approach June 30th, the end of the fiscal year and the 2010 – 2011 McDevitt Fund. With your generous support, the McDevitt Fund has reached almost \$300,000! This shows the tremendous support of our many alumni, family and friends.

We still need your help to reach our goal of \$400,000 for this fiscal year. With the support of our donors, the McDevitt Fund helps finance the day-to-day operations of the school. It helps bridge the gap between tuition and the cost of education.

If you have not yet made a donation to the fund this year, please consider making a donation to the McDevitt Fund. Your tax-deductible donation will help secure the future of Catholic education for the students of the Harrisburg area. If you have already made a contribution to the McDevitt Fund this year, we would like to sincerely thank you for your generosity.

May God bless you and your families!

## 19TH ANNUAL TONY CERNUGEL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Grab your clubs and get ready to join us at Felicita Resort on Friday, September 30, 2011 for the 19th Annual Tony Cernugel Memorial Golf Tournament. We are looking forward to a great turnout with a wonderful afternoon of golf and fun.

The Tony Cernugel Memorial Golf Tournament was organized to raise money for Bishop McDevitt's Scholarship Fund in honor of one of Bishop McDevitt's most beloved coaches, teachers, and friends, Tony Cernugel. Registration begins at 12:00 p.m., with lunch provided. A shot-gun start is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Dinner follows the tournament with awards and prizes distributed at that time.

The golf tournament also will be followed by a McDevitt home football game the next day, Saturday, October 1, 2011. If you are interested in playing in or sponsoring the 19th Annual Tony Cernugel Memorial Golf Tournament, please contact Jared Halvorsen at 717-236-7973, ext 484 or by email at [jhalvorsen@bishopmcdevitt.org](mailto:jhalvorsen@bishopmcdevitt.org). See you on the course!

## 23RD ANNUAL BLUE & GOLD GALA

The 23rd Annual Blue & Gold Gala was held Saturday, March 26th, 2011 at the Hershey Lodge. The event was a success thanks to the sponsors, guests, and volunteers who made this event possible. The Gala's theme this year was "Celebrating the McDevitt Family." This theme was chosen to honor the overwhelming sense of "family" that many who are connected with McDevitt experience. Over three hundred guests attended and enjoyed raffles, silent and live auctions, and dancing to the music of Giovanni and The 5Th Element Band (Giovanni Traino '94). The evening began with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by dinner. Our Master of Ceremony, Dennis Owens from WHTM 27, kept the evening flowing with ease. St. Mary Anne Bednar, IHM, Principal of Bishop McDevitt, gave a short address followed by a blessing from Fr. John Acri '52.

The Gala raised over \$37,000 for the general operating budget of the school. The silent, live and online auctions offered some fantastic items for bid, thanks to the donations of many generous sponsors. We also would like to thank all of our Student Ambassadors and volunteers for their help on the evening of the event.

In addition, McDevitt art students generously donated their time and talent to produce artwork that was auctioned at the event. The students did an amazing job! A special thank you goes to Cindy Minnaugh Verbos '76 and Patton Pictures for framing the student's artwork.

Please mark your calendars and "Save the Date" for the 24th Annual Blue & Gold Gala to be held, Saturday, May 5th, 2012. We hope to see you there!



# CLASS NOTES

## 60's

**Frederic G. Antoun, Jr. '66** is an attorney in private practice. Frederic G. Antoun, Jr., Attorney at Law, concentrates on federal government procurement law, primarily printing and information dissemination contracts. He maintains law offices in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. His practice can be found at [antounlaw.com](http://antounlaw.com)

**Rev. Anthony J. Pinizzotto, OSFS '67**, in residence at St. Timothy Parish in Chantilly, VA has been appointed science director for the Instituto Formazione D'Ecceellenza in Montova, Italy. He will remain in residence at St. Timothy and make regular trips to Montova as part of his new position. The institute was founded as a center of research, education and training in the fields of criminology and forensic psychology. Prior to St. Timothy, Fr. Pinizzotto was in residence at St. William of York Parish in Stafford, VA for more than 12 years. He was ordained in 1978. Fr. Pinizzotto was involved in law enforcement for more than 25 years. In addition to service with the FBI, he worked with the criminal investigations division, the training division and the fifth police district of the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department.

**Gregory S. Antoun '68** invented the ChipBLASTER and is now President of ChipBLASTER, Inc. The company sells high pressure and high volume coolant systems and tooling. ChipBLASTER Corporate is located in Meadville, PA; however, they also sell their product internationally. The company website is: [chipblaster.com](http://chipblaster.com).

## 80's

**Ricky Watters '87** was featured in the February 7, 2011 edition of *ESPN Magazine*. The article was entitled: "Recruiting Confidential 25x1: How does being the nation's No. 1 high school football recruit shape the rest of a young man's life? Top preps from 1986-2010."

## 90's

**Michael C. Zogby '95** was elected partner at the law firm of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, where he concentrates his practice on pharmaceutical defense, medical device, class action, and commercial litigation. He resides in Maplewood, New Jersey, with his wife Jamie and his son Charles.

**Rogette Harris '99** was selected as a 40 Under 40 by the Central Penn Business Journal in 2010. She is currently featured on the Winter 2011 issue of Strayer University's Alumni Scholar Magazine. Rogette earned a Bachelor degree in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh, a Master degree in Public Administration and a Master Degree in Business Administration from Strayer University in Washington, D.C. She was one of 55 women throughout the U.S. and abroad to be accepted into the Women's Campaign School at Yale University in 2007. She graduated from the Pennsylvania Center for Progressive Leadership Fellowship program. She became

the first African-American State President of the National Woman's Political Caucus of Pennsylvania and was elected District Leader for the District 105 of Dauphin County, PA. She serves as Chair of the Greenway Committee in Lower Paxton Township. Rogette has worked at the Democratic Leadership Council and Democratic National Committee in Washington, D.C. and served as a volunteer teacher at the Academy of Hope. Currently, she works at the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, researching and writing legislation to improve the lives of Pennsylvania families. Rogette also owns a small business, RNH Marketing and Strategy Consulting Firm. She is a freelance writer, publishing articles on women issues, long-term government programs, and is currently completing her first book entitled: "The Politics of American Poverty."

## 00's

**Jim Pyne '02** married Jennifer Shannon on October 2, 2010. Jim is an actuarial associate with Conrad Siegel Actuaries. Jen is a dentist with Locust Lane Dental Associates. They currently reside in Susquehanna Township.

**John Pyne '05** and his wife, Laura, welcomed a son, Colin, born on December 9, 2010. Currently, they reside in Lower Paxton Township. John is employed as a tax accountant with Smith, Elliott, Kearns, LLC.

**Kaycee Kofalt '06** graduated from Harrisburg Area Community College as a Registered Nurse (RN) in 2010. She now works at Holy Spirit Medical Center in the Intensive Critical Care Unit (ICU).

**Christina Bayura '07** graduated magna cum laude from Millersville University in December 2010, where she earned a dual-degree in Special Education and Elementary Education in three and one half years. She is currently working as a long-term substitute teacher with a first grade class at Northside Elementary in Palmyra. She is also taking graduate classes online through Utah State University and at HACC in preparation for her continued education. She will once again be a full time student at West Chester University in August 2011, where she will pursue a master's degree in Communication Disorders and eventually become a speech pathologist. Christina was an assistant high school girls basketball coach with the St. Catherine Laboure CYO League for 2008, 2009, 2010, and this year she was the head coach for the 4th and 5th grade Novice girls.

**Daniel J. Tomaso '08** studies meteorology at Penn State University. He is actively involved in the Campus Weather Service and is currently a student teacher for a class that studies the computer applications of meteorology. In August 2009, Dan began working on the abc27 Saturday and Sunday Morning shows with James Crummel. Dan enjoys working with the weekend morning crew and is thrilled to have the opportunity to work for the news station he grew up with.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Amanda Arce '04** and **Eduardo Flores '04** were engaged on December 22, 2010. They have dated since middle school and graduated together from Bishop McDevitt.

Ashley Nicole Wagner and **Nicholas Andrew Radle '98** are engaged. A November 12, 2011 wedding is planned. Nicholas is employed with Alex R. Szeles, Inc. in Harrisburg.

Lisa J. Mroszczyk and **Thomas G. Murphy, III '98** are engaged. A November 2011 wedding is planned in Gettysburg. Thomas is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. He is an engineer with Volvo Powertrain in Hagerstown, MD.

**Danielle Howard '06** and **Sean Murphy '04** are engaged. An October 2011 wedding is planned.

**Lorriann Tran '01** and **Emil Notarfrancesco '01** are engaged. A July 2011 wedding is planned.

**Maura Minnaugh '90** and Arthur R. Thibault, Jr. They will be married on Saturday, May 28, 2011.

**Catherine Giordano '94** and Raymond Adams.

**Megan Wickenheiser '07** and **Dominic Santanna '05** are engaged. A May 5, 2011 wedding is planned.

Brittini Orfanelli and **Michael Schuenemann '98**

**Casey Aiello '02** and **Jonathan Dunaway '02**

**Aubrey Minnaugh '05** and **Pedro Mora '05**

## WEDDINGS

**Stephanie Pupo '04** and **Nicolas Bader '04**

## IN MEMORIAM

January 21, 2011 – April 20, 2011

Richard D. Cielinski, *Former Faculty*

Mary Waldron '37 Ludes

Joseph W. Botchie '42

Mary Ann Marsico '46 Mattern

Raymond Richard Breach '48

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Rosemary Cecile Coxé '56 Stepp

Marilyn Neomi Nace '58 Huron

Christine Mary Caulfield '59 O'Neil

Alexander John Caparella '60

Marsha Etta Acri '61 Chaki

Judith Ann Szeles '66

Herbert John Newcomb, III '66

Nancy Jean DeLutis '67 McNulty

Vincent Michael Kosevic '67

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# Upcoming events

The **Baccalaureate Mass** will be held on **May 25, 2011** at St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Church in 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

The **Bishop McDevitt Graduation Commencement Ceremony** will take place on **May 26, 2011** at The Forum in Harrisburg, PA, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are required to attend.

The **McD Football Golf Outing** is Friday, **June 24, 2011** at Manada Golf Course. Registration is \$80.00 per golfer and includes greens fee, cart, lunch (hot dogs and sausages), and catered dinner. The tournament starts with registration and lunch at 11:00 AM and a shot-gun start at 12:30 PM. Dinner follows at around 6:00 PM. Proceeds go towards the McDevitt Football Program. For more information and to register visit [www.mcdgolfouting.org](http://www.mcdgolfouting.org).

The **2nd Annual David Costabile Memorial Golf Tournament** to support the Bishop McDevitt Wrestling program, will be held on Friday, **July 29, 2011** at Manada Golf Course. Cost is \$80.00 per golfer and includes golf, breakfast, lunch, and beverages. There is a cash prize for the winning foursome and plenty of other prizes too! For more information contact Coach Scott Lindsay at 717-903-9689 or email [bmcwrestling@gmail.com](mailto:bmcwrestling@gmail.com).

## Reunions

**ALL DECADE REUNION! THE 80'S AND 90'S ALL DECADE REUNION** has been moved to **June 18th, 2011** at the Hilton Downtown Harrisburg. More information will be coming soon.

**CLASS OF 1961** – 50th Reunion is Saturday, **October 22, 2011**, at the Four Points By Sheraton Harrisburg, 800 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA, 17111.

### **CLASS OF 1966** – 45th Class Reunion Correction

The Class of 1966 is having their 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion on **September 24, 2011** at the Hershey Italian Lodge from 6 p.m. to Midnight. A formal invitation is to follow. Please respond to [mcdevitt1966@yahoo.com](mailto:mcdevitt1966@yahoo.com) or Dorothy McAuliffe Engle at [dotty60@comcast.net](mailto:dotty60@comcast.net), Jeanne Pugliese Gray at [jeannegrays@comcast.net](mailto:jeannegrays@comcast.net), or Andrea Bottaro Morrison at [anbook@comcast.net](mailto:anbook@comcast.net). More information will be provided with the formal invitation.

**CLASS OF 1971** – 40th Class Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2011. For more information, please contact Florita Hobaugh at [McDClassof71@gmail.com](mailto:McDClassof71@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook by searching for the "Bishop McDevitt Class of 1971" Facebook group.

**CLASS OF 1976** – 35th Class Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, **November 5, 2011** at Bishop McDevitt High School. For more information, please contact Cindy Minnaugh Verbos at [cverbos@pattonpicture.com](mailto:cverbos@pattonpicture.com) or 717-545-2213 or Dan Matrese at 717-236-8149 or [dgmatarrese@yahoo.com](mailto:dgmatarrese@yahoo.com).

**CLASS OF 1981** – 30th Class Reunion is being held Saturday, **October 8, 2011** at the Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course, in Grantville, PA. For more information contact Andrea Dietz at 717-515-5208.

**CLASS OF 1986** – 25th Reunion is Saturday, **July 30, 2011** at Johnny Joe's Sports Bar and Grille in Mechanicsburg, PA. For more information, please contact Mary Maronic at [marymaronic@aol.com](mailto:marymaronic@aol.com) or at 717-795-9379.

*If you are a class representative and are planning a reunion, please contact the Advancement Office as soon as possible at [advancement@bishopmcdevitt.org](mailto:advancement@bishopmcdevitt.org).*