

The SkyHawk Scene

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Message from Patrick Slattery...

I know I risk sounding like a broken record, but it is truly amazing how fast time passes. I have that sentiment about this time every year. As we already approach the mid-point of the school year, and the end of the first semester, I remain thoroughly impressed with the attitude and work ethic of the collective student body. The senior class continues to demonstrate strong leadership, and the underclassmen are doing an excellent job following their lead in the classroom, on the athletic fields, in the community with their service, and in simply showing their SkyHawk pride!

Congratulations to our student athletes for a successful fall season. Enclosed in this issue is a summary of those results. In addition, many students were inducted into the National Honor Society, the National Art Honor Society, and the International Thespian Society (Drama) this past semester. The school musical was fantastic, and the SC Mock Trial team earned their 7th consecutive bid into State competition, the only team from Omaha that can boast that achievement. We wish the Mock Trial team luck as they compete for another State title in mid-December.

I hope you and your family are able to spend some quality time together

this Holiday season. In addition to the family time, this upcoming vacation is a chance for students to relax and rejuvenate themselves for the second semester. Prior to this long-anticipated break, students have first semester exams to tackle.

Exams will occur as follows:

Tuesday, December 15th

Exams for periods 1, 3, 5
Noon Dismissal

Wednesday, December 16th

Exams for periods 2, 4, 6
Noon Dismissal

Thursday, December 17th

Exams for periods 7, 8
10:35 Dismissal

Please note that teachers may require students to be present for afternoon work, if necessary. Also, all students are required to be present for classes and study hall periods with the following two exceptions. Seniors who have privileges may observe them during these days provided they have met all requirements from their classroom teachers. Second, if a student has 8th period study hall, they may leave on Thursday after their 7th period exam provided a parent sends a note into the main office giving such permission. Lunch will not be served on any of the exam days.

The Christmas Vacation for students begins after the last exam on Thursday, December 17 provided that we have not had a "snow day" during exams. In the event that an exam day is missed because of inclement weather, another exam day will be held on Friday, December 18 per the school calendar. School resumes on Monday, January 4, 2010.

I wish you all a safe and blessed holiday season and hope we all continually recognize the many gifts God has given us.

Merry
Christmas

A Word from the Chaplain Father Andrew Sohm...



Peace and Blessings to you,

May the light and joy of this beautiful Advent, Christmas, and New Year's season flow deep in your heart. What a glorious time this is for us in our lives. I love seeing the lights and the beautiful decorations. These truly remind us of the love of Christ. Every year there is a group of people who decorate my office door with a nice poster of appreciation. I do not know who has done this so faithfully. I thank those involved in the decoration. It means a lot to me.

We will have an all school Mass during the Christmas Season on January 6 at 9:40 a.m. in the gymnasium. I hope you will be able to join us. This Mass reminds me how blessed we are to have our Catholic school and have the freedom to sing traditional Christmas carols. I was also thankful to have Matthew Kelly, renowned author and motivational speaker, address our students. I think he did a wonderful job. He reminded us of the importance of spending time in daily prayer. He invited everyone to stop by our chapel for at least a few minutes each day. I pray that many will take his advice and visit our chapel. This will grace our school in many ways.

From time to time the question comes before me about Sunday Mass and I hear that some parents have left the choice to their son or daughter. This is hard for me to think that a parent would let their child choose if they go to Mass or not. Sunday Mass is not optional and we have a duty to make sure that we attend Sunday Mass. Parents have a duty and responsibility to see that their children attend Mass. As parents there are duties that are placed

before us. We need to remain faithful to our duty and make sure our children are at Mass every Sunday. When your children are struggling with attending Mass this is a good time to remind them of why we go to Mass. This is also a good time for you to personally reflect on why you attend Mass.

There are so many wonderful things that we do as Catholics and at times we forget to stop and reflect on how God is leading and gracing us. This is a good reminder for us during this busy time of year going from place to place and event to event. In all of this we can lose our focus and forget the reason for the season!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a grace filled New Year. Let the warmth of the season draw you deeper into your relationship with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. I pray that God will continue the good He has begun in every one of us.

Most thankful, I am

Rev. Andrew L. Sohm

Severe Weather School Closings or Delays...

In any announcement concerning the cancellation of school before the day begins, **Skutt Catholic High School will be included with the Archdiocesan Catholic Schools** (unless specifically excluded in the Archdiocesan announcement). This announcement is made by the Catholic Schools Office on radio station KFAB-AM1110, and on KMTV, WOWT, and KETV. Again, SC is included with "Archdiocesan Catholic Schools" or "Omaha Catholic Schools" If severe weather or the threat of such conditions occurs after school is in session, we will contact media



sources ourselves regarding any early dismissal. Such announcements will name Skutt Catholic High School specifically by name. We will contact radio stations KFAB, KKAR, KOIL, KQKQ, KVSS, and WOW. We will also notify television stations KMTV, WOWT, and KETV. We will take a calm and reasonable approach to severe weather, and we urge each parent to do the same. We know how disruptive an early school dismissal is to parent work and family schedules. We will make an announcement to dismiss early only when conditions warrant. Likewise, parent requests to have students dismissed, before an announced emergency dismissal, is very disruptive. We ask you not to do that if at all possible. We understand that all SC students are transported in private cars, and we will be very concerned about their safety. Your students will be taken care of. No one will ever be abandoned or forced to leave in a storm. This is a safe place, and may, in fact, be safer than being out driving at the height of a winter storm. Please discuss emergency arrangements with your student before winter storm conditions arrive. We will not allow students to call a parent to be dismissed from school. Finally, if a parent decides to keep his/her student home from school because of travel conditions when school is in session, we will respect that decision and consider such an absence "excused." If school is in session, the student is responsible for make-up work. When there is a question about the status of school activities on a day when school is not in session or after school hours, we will make the decision as soon as possible, **communicate it through the radio and television stations named above, and leave a message on the school voice mail.** Please call the office if you have questions about these or other situations.





Holiday School Office Hours....

The faculty, counselors, support staff and administrators will generally not be at school December 21, 2009 through January 1, 2010. Voice-mail will be checked regularly---please leave a message.



Please note: this newsletter contains information for both December and January. The next newsletter (February) will be e-mailed the last week of January.



School E-Mail Notice...

Skutt Catholic sends the monthly SkyHawk Scene via email. If you have not provided us with your most current email address, please contact the main office. If you do not have access to email or wish to still receive a paper copy, please let us know that, as well.

Important Book Sale Information

New Policy: Effective this year, only books that have been purchased at the Skutt Catholic Book Sale will be accepted for resale in our program. Books purchased this past fall have already been marked.



(Books marked have a green Skutt Catholic sticker on the inside front cover.) Books previously purchased at the SC Book sale that are returned in May of 2010

for re-sale in August will receive the green Skutt Catholic sticker.

If you have any unmarked books you purchased at the Skutt Catholic Book Sale that you don't intend to submit at the end of this school year, but do hope to sell back in future years, you will need to bring them to Skutt Catholic at the designated times listed below so they can be marked.

**January 11-15, 2010
2:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m.
Media Center/Book Store**

After May 30th, any book(s) that are submitted to be sold **MUST** have the appropriate marking. Books without Bookstore stickers will not be returned to students. If you have any questions please call Dan or Sheila Bleyhl at 691-0129.



Textbook Loan...

Forms for the 2010-2011 school year will be mailed the second week of December. **PARENTS MUST SIGN IN ALL APPROPRIATE PLACES TO BE ELIGIBLE. Parents must also observe our due date of January 12, 2010** because there is processing that must be done at SCHS before the forms can be forwarded to the Millard Office.



Book Store Hours – 2nd Semester.....

Skutt Catholic Parents/Students: The Bookstore will be open for students to purchase textbooks for 2nd semester classes on the following dates: **January 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15.**
Hours: 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Books will be sold from the Bookstore, which is located in the Media Center.

What to bring?

~ Cash or check will be accepted for the amount of the purchase only

~ Two (2) checks needed for the book sale if purchasing new and used books

* One check for SCHS (new books)

* One check for Skutt Catholic Used Books

Questions: Please call Sheila Bleyhl at 691-0129.

Scholarship/ Admissions Exam...



The Scholarship and Admissions Exam for 8th grade students will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 9, 2010. All 8th grade students interested in attending Skutt Catholic are encouraged to take this exam. Please call Marie Williamson at 333-0818 to register a student for the exam, to obtain more information, or to pass along the name of a student who might be interested in attending Skutt Catholic.

Parent Volunteers are also needed during the 8th grade scholarship and admissions test on January 9 and for the 7th grade practice test on January 16. Please contact Marie Williamson at 333-0818 if you would like to help.

Seventh Grade Practice Exam...



We will offer the Seventh Grade Practice Exam and Explore SC Workshops on Saturday, January 16 at 8:00 a.m. This practice exam helps students prepare for the Scholarship and Admissions Test given to students in the 8th grade. Call Marie Williamson at 333-0818 for registration information.





Congratulations....

...to the Skutt Catholic Mock Trial Team. The Team will be competing at State on December 8 and 9 for the 7th year in a row!! Team members are: **Danielle Desa, Michael Judah, Haley Gordman, Maggie Hoffman, Tom Knoblauch-Rankin, Matt Meyer, Tanner Sorensen, and Scott Bullins.**

...to the following students for their performance at UNL's Math Day on November 12: **Margie Carmody, Kasey Coenen, Brian Grieb, Anna Heffron, Andy Hollins, Amanda Husein, Scott Johnson, Michaela Klesitz, Scott Marsicek, Jen McCarty, Blake McNew, Matt Meyer, Michaela Onkka, Becky Osborn, Joe Pieper, Kerry Pivovar, Sid Rai, Katie Smid, Paul Troupe, Kyle Tucker, Jess Chekal, Lindsey Heimann, Matt Keller, Mary Kleinsasser, Lauren Kolkman, Frankie Smith, Garrett Wirka, and Andrew Thielen.** The team finished in 3rd place in the Class B PROBE I team competition (1/4 of a point behind the second place team). **Kyle Tucker, Matt Keller, Lauren Kolkman, Anna Heffron and Sid Rai** were our top scores in this round of competition. The Math Quiz Bowl Team beat Aurora 7-1 in the first round and then had two close losses to Seward and Duchesne. Team members were **Anna Heffron, Matt Keller, Matt Meyer, and Kyle Tucker.** **Kyle Tucker** had the 35th best score (out of approximately 1500 participants) on the PROBE I test, which qualified him for the PROBE II test along with the other top 50 scores from the PROBE I. A special thank you to the following parents for helping with transportation: **Matt Heffron, Mick Marsicek, Steve & Barb Osborn, Mary Kay Smid, and Bonnie Tucker.**

Thank You

The Skutt Catholic Faculty and Staff would like to thank **Kim Egenberger, Bev Bedel** and the **Booster Club** for the delicious pies that were available on Wednesday, November 18 for the first Skutt Catholic Pie Day!! We want to thank you for your time and thoughtfulness.

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to everyone that helped with football concessions in the Hawk Hut this fall. We had lots of FUN! We had record sales twice this season! We'd especially like to thank **Mary Markey, Brian Schmitz, Amy O'Gorman, Theresa Hartman, Deb Homan, Lynn Wurtz, and Amy Vankat.** Parents, if you didn't get to volunteer in the Hawk Hut this year, please consider signing up next year. We work hard but have a lot of fun!

Brett and Kathy Wawers

Many **thanks** to the **boys basketball team** along with **Coach Burt** and the **basketball parents** that helped clean, paint, and organize the gym areas on a recent Saturday. The area looks great, and we appreciate their efforts in helping maintain the overall cleanliness of the building.



Advocates for Academics...

Thanks so much to all who helped with the Advocates for Academics Booster Lunch on Dec. 1. It's great to have so many wonderful volunteers and the students really enjoyed the menu. It's hard to believe the holidays are almost here and that means the new year is right around the corner! With that said, we'd like to tell everyone to be watching for mailings regarding our annual "Flight of Fancy" which will be held Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010. Motivational speaker R.D. Creek will present "The Power of

Celebration." This is always a fun and entertaining event and we hope you'll mark your calendars and plan to attend. Until then, we wish the entire Skutt Catholic family blessings throughout the holidays!



Drivers Education Information...

Please contact All-Metro Driving School at: www.allmetrodrivingschool.com to find the next date for Driver's Education classes at Skutt Catholic. The cost for the course is \$275.00. A minimum of 16 students are needed. Students must be 15-18 years of age with at least 10-12 hours of behind the wheel instruction prior to the first day of class.



Campus Ministry News....

All-School LITURGIES – The Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass will be on Tuesday, December 8, at 9:40 a.m. in the gym. Parents, grandparents, and friends are welcome to join us. The next Liturgies will be our Christmas Mass on January 6 and the Catholic Schools Week Mass on February 4.

CLASS MASSES will be held at 8:40 a.m. in the Commons. Senior Mass is January 27.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – Many Holiday Service opportunities available! Copies are available in the Campus Ministry office, and are also posted on the website: www.skuttcatholic.com.

OPERATION OTHERS is a great organization run completely by high school students from area Catholic high schools. They provide food for over 7,000 people at Christmas time every year from money they raise and food they collect. Your help is

needed in December for Packaging and Delivery Weekend!

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES will be held December 1-2. The students will participate through their Theology classes. Also during Advent, we will have Monday morning Prayer Services over the intercom, with each class gathering around and lighting their own Advent wreath in their classroom.

RETREATS – The Freshman SKYHAWK Retreat went very well! The Senior leaders did an excellent job serving as small group leaders, and offering words of inspiration throughout the day. **Sophomore Retreats** will be held February 23. More information will be mailed to the sophomore parents in January.

TEC RETREAT- If you are a junior, senior or college student, you are invited to a dynamic three-day retreat called TEC (Teens Encounter Christ). TEC is a high energy, youth-focused, spirit-directed faith experience offered by the Archdiocese of Omaha. Students will meet Catholic students from around Omaha as they share and grow in their faith together. Applications can be picked up in the Campus Ministry Office for the upcoming TEC weekends: January 16-18, February 13-15, and March 20-22. The cost is \$60. (Scholarships are available). Applications are also available online: <http://www.archomaha.org/education/cffo/youth-ministry/tec.html>, or send an email to TEC@archomaha.org.

MARCH FOR LIFE – Several of our Skutt Catholic students will be participating with the Archdiocesan group at the March for Life in Washington, DC, January 19-24. Our **PRO-LIFE VIGIL** at Skutt Catholic will be held in the chapel on January 22.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK will be celebrated February 1 – 5. More information will be posted on the Skutt Catholic webpage.



News from the Guidance Counselors...

Semester Finals

If your child is wondering how to prepare for the end of the semester, suggest some of the following:

- 1) Start now by asking all teachers what the final exam will include!
- 2) Study a portion of every class every day rather than cramming the week or the night before the final test.
- 3) Ask teachers now if there are missing assignments that can be made up! If so, do it now.
- 4) Stay current on remaining day to day work!
- 5) Ask questions!

The semester grade is a permanent part of every student's transcript, so your child must work hard to earn the highest possible grade.

College Applications

All seniors should have submitted at least two college applications by December 1. If you have questions about the status of your child's applications, please call his or her counselor at SCHS.

Junior Parent Meeting for College Planning

All parents of juniors should plan on attending the Junior Parent Meeting for College Planning on January 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the SCHS Commons. At the meeting parents will be walked through the process of college exploration, application, selection, and the financial aid process.

College Scholarships

All seniors should be searching for scholarships! There is a common misconception that only the top students in the class earn scholarships. Actually, 51% of the graduating seniors last year received some type of scholarship. Scholarship money comes from private donors or from the college and is NOT repaid. Some scholarships are based on financial need, while others are based on criteria such as academics, leadership, athletics, talents, service or other involvement. Every week the scholarship list in the guidance office is updated, so have your child pick up a new copy every week or check out the list on the guidance page of the SCHS website! Two other great websites to use in the scholarship hunt are fastweb.com and educationquest.org. Contact your child's counselor if you need help.

As seniors receive award letters from colleges they applied to, they need to bring a copy to the guidance office. Students who earn scholarships will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony on Baccalaureate Night and the scholarships will be listed in the Graduation program. Students should provide the award letters of ALL scholarships earned NOT just the scholarships that they will use at the school they choose to attend.

Testing

Testing Dates and Deadlines for the 2009-2010 school year follow:

ACT	
Test Date	Regular Fee Deadline
December 12	PAST
February 6	January 5
April 10	March 5
June 12	May 7

SAT	
Test Date	Regular Fee Deadline
December 5	PAST
January 23	December 15
March 13	February 4
May 1	March 25
June 5	April 29

Remember....SCHS is administering the ACT on all the nationally administered test dates. To be eligible to test here students must meet all the ACT registration deadlines AND choose SCHS as their first choice testing location. If you have questions regarding ACT registration or test administration, contact your child's guidance counselor.

If your child missed the regular and late fee deadlines for ACT or SAT testing, he or she might still be able to test by following the procedures for STANDBY testing. If you have questions about standby testing, check the testing website or ask your child's guidance counselor.

There are numerous ACT preparation courses offered in the Omaha area. Contact your child's counselor for information.

PSAT

PSAT scores should be received at SCHS before Christmas break. They will be mailed to the students' homes when they are received. If parents have questions about the scores, they should contact the child's guidance counselor.

FAFSA

All families are encouraged to file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The FAFSA determines your child's eligibility for federal grants and loans. The process is much faster if completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The form cannot be completed until after your family's 2009 tax information is complete. However, **you do need to register for a P.I.N. at www.fafsa.ed.gov now!** This P.I.N. serves as your identifier to let you access your personal information in various U.S. Department of Education systems. If you have questions about the FAFSA process, ask your counselor or make an appointment at EducationQuest today!

Address Changes

If you have an address, phone or email change, please call Mrs. Cheryl Nelson in the guidance office.

Counselor Alphabetical Organization

Mrs. Reeves	A-I
Mr. Schumacher	J-M
Mrs. Beckman	N-Z

Parents are encouraged to stay in close communication with teachers and counselors, so please call your child's counselor at any time with questions or concerns. If you have an immediate need and your child's counselor is unavailable, please consult with either of the other counselors.

Recycling Program...



Just a reminder that we are still accepting used ink cartridges and cell phones. Please keep those donations coming!

David Jopp, Technology



Yearbook Information...

2009-2010 Yearbooks Please bring a check made out to Skutt Catholic High School with a memo to: Yearbook. The price during December is \$70. Yearbook sales end Friday, December 4, 2009. **IF** extra books are available in the fall of 2010, they will sell for \$70.

Other Deadlines:

SENIOR QUOTES – December 4. Quotes should be your own thoughts or a famous quote that means something to you. ALL quotes must be appropriate and understood by the administration.
SENIOR BABY ADS – December 11. More information will be coming in the fall.

Please feel free to send in good photos taken during seasonal activities. The photos can be emailed

to:

mmbaxter@schools.archomaha.org.

The yearbook staff appreciates receiving these in a timely manner. Thanks for your support!

From Your Media Specialist...



Do you have an Omaha Public Library Card? Did you lose your Library Card?

Why would you want a Library Card?

With an Omaha Library Card you:

- Have access to databases to which Skutt Catholic does not give you access.
- Can check out books from 12 libraries by seeing your Skutt Catholic Media Specialist via **Inter Library Loan**.
- Have access to a library 24/7
- Have access to Fun Programs such as Book Clubs & Gaming Nights

How do you, and your whole family, get a Library Card?

Pick up a registration form from your media specialist, fill it out and return it to her. Once she has a few she will turn in your registrations to the Millard Branch Library and a few days after that she will get back your cards and distribute them to you right at Skutt Catholic High School. Let's see if we can get all Skutt Catholic students to register for a Library Card during the week of December 7 thru December 11.

National Art Honor Society...



Congratulations to the 37 new members of the SkyHawk Chapter of the National Art

Honor Society. Graphic Designer, John Gawley, SCHS graduate (2002) gave an inspiring speech to more than 100 people. NAHS members

participate in numerous service projects including the design and painting of the logos on the "Hawk Hut" concession stand, and the orphan portrait paintings for The Memory Project. The following students were inducted on November 12:

Christensen, Danielle
Coenen, Kacey
Cook, Katie
Desa, Danielle
Doue, Erynne
Dreier, Jolene
Kavan, Sarah
Fey, Lindsey
Garro, Sarah
Gottschalk, Katie
Graham, Allison
Hoffman, Molly
Holland, Ashley
Huffer, Lauren
Jensen, Brianna
Kathol, Sarah
Kavan, Sarah
Kessler, Cassandra
Kolkman, Lauren
Krause, Molly
McCarty, Justine
O'Brien, Maureen
Osborn, Becky
Paskevic, Alex
Persinger, Rachel
Pfeifer, Abigail
Peterson, Kaitlyn
Pope, Julie
Ripley, Briana
Shafer, Jennifer
Smith, Margaret
Stopak, Kelsie
Stratman, Kelsey
VanScoy, Maddison
Walz, Alise
Wawers, Abigail
Wedige, Allison
Woolman, Erin



National Honor Society...

Congratulations to newly inducted National Honor Society members. The induction took place on November 4, and graduate Erin McMahon was our speaker.

Amenta, Maddy
Biddlecomb, Rachel*
Bohan, Jessica*
Bolamperti, Anne
Broughton, Sarah
Chekal, Jessica
Coenen, Kathleen*
Dreier, Jolene
Eilbracht, Katie
Faltin, Mitchell
Finochiaro, Ally*
Gentry, Lauren
Harrison, Emily
Hoffman, Maggie
Homan, Jared*
Homan, Travis*
Hough, Tayler
Huffer, Lauren*
Kaiser, Alexis
Kathol, Brandon
Keck, Jon
Keller, Matthew
Kleinsasser, Mary
Kluthe, Lauren
Kolkman, Lauren
Koneck-Wilcox, Mary
Krick, Hannah*
Lathrop, Bailey
Lynam, Paige
Marsicek, Scott*
Matesi, Jordan
McCarty, Jen*
Mendlik, Haley
Mooter, Mary Ellen
Muller, Rhett
Nirmalraj, Manav
Onkka, Michaela*
Osborn, Beckie*
Paskevic, Alex
Platz, Rachel
Polacek, Taylor
Richter, Megan
Ripley, Briana
Rollag, Emily
Ruden, Lauren
Rupiper, Megan
Samson, Katie
Sauma, Kristin
Schmitz, Bailey
Shafer, Jennifer*
Smith, Frankie
Stopak, Kelsie
Swain, Brian
Troupe, Paul*
Walsh, Sophie
Walz, Alise
Wawers, Abby

Wiegand, Hayley
Wingerter, Maisie
Wojtkiewicz, Abbey*
Wood, Samuel
Woolman, Erin*
Wright, William
Yuhass, Catie

Members with a * beside their name gained membership in January 2009, all others became members in October 2009.

Tuesday, December 8, NHS members will hold a bake sale in the Commons during lunches. Most items will sell for 50 cents. All money from the sale will go to a charity to help out during the Christmas season.

Thank you to all NHS members who gave tours during Open House. Members who gave tours earned 3 hours of NHS service. Each member must complete 3 hours of service for each semester they are a member of the National Honor Society.



SCHS Music Department Update...

The Music Department would like to recognize and congratulate those band and choir students who worked hard to prepare for the 2009 Nebraska All-State Music Festival. These students put in a lot of extra time working on scales, etudes, and songs that were part of the auditions. The auditions were held at Elkhorn High School on Saturday, October 10th. Band students who auditioned for the Band were: **Zach Beran, Rob Clines, Joe Darragh, Mary Friedt, Suzanne Fuhrer, Nate Gibilisco, Arena Govier, Stu McKay, Emily Pachunka, James Pieper, and Alex Wewel.** The Choir students auditioning that same day were: **Maddy Amenta, Lauren Gentry, and Liz Liebermann.** **Maddy and Liz** were both selected to participate in the All-State Chorus.

Information on the Christmas Concert to be held Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. is included in the attachment section of the newsletter.

Both Mr. Homan and Mr. Storm are excited by the recent growth of the band and choir. We would like to continue to encourage our musically talented students to sign up for Concert Band or Concert Choir for the second semester. If you have questions about either ensemble, please stop by the music room and talk to Mr. Homan or Mr. Storm.

Best of Luck to our two newest choir groups. The show choir, *Vivace*, has been developing well thus far. Their competition show has been choreographed and they are currently preparing it for performances and competitions in February, March, and April. We have also recently started a men's vocal ensemble, *Hawkapella*, which will surely be a great new group for the music department. The six men in the group are working hard and will be seen performing at SCHS events and concerts in the near future. Men interested in joining Hawkapella should talk to Mr. Storm.



SkyHawk Forensics Update...

Freshman **Aaron Warneke** became the first Skutt Catholic freshman to win a round of Lincoln-Douglas debate.



Junior **Annie Bolamperti** had a nice debut with her Informative speech about Gene Therapy. She earned a Superior rating and two placing ribbons.

Senior **Amy Welniak** and Sophomores **Carson McQuillan** and **Kari Welniak** all received three superior ratings each in Novice Oratory on Saturday. **Kari** and

Carson also earned placing ribbons for their performances.

Results from the Millard South Speech Tournament follows: **Michael Judah, Alexis Schinco, Dawn Rivard, Danielle Desa, and Lauren Kolkman** earned 4th place medals in Oral Interpretation of Drama - the earliest medaling of a Skutt Catholic OID in at least the past 7 years.

Matt Wurstner and Will Wright had their first high school speech contests on Friday. Matt did particularly well as he placed 2nd in his 2nd round of Extemporaneous Speaking.

The Novice Public Forum team of **Celena Adams and Chloe Tyson** took a 3-2 record into the Octofinal round in their first debate contest ever! Celena and Chloe also became our first all-female freshman debate pair to make it into an out-round of debate and the first freshman debate pair to make it into an out-round of a big invitational contest since 2005.

The Novice Public Forum team of **Chaeli Ford and Hilary Wiese** also had a 3-2 record, but missed out on Octofinals by only 1 speaker point.

All four of the aforementioned young ladies also earned their memberships in the National Forensic League, becoming the first new members of the 2009-2010 school year



Booster Buzz....

Booster Club is a group of volunteer parents coming together to support the Skutt Catholic Community and all of its activities including academics, athletics, extra-curricular activities and school ministry.

Booster Club & Activity

Lunches: There is only one Booster Club lunch for December. It

will be sponsored by the Advocates for Academics and will be held on Tuesday, December 1. January activity lunches include: Boys Soccer, Friday, January 8; Booster Club, Thursday, January 14; Football, Wednesday, January 20 and Cheerleading, Tuesday, January 26. These lunches are fundraisers and we appreciate your supporting them. Thanks to Deb Homan for scheduling these for the Booster Club this entire year.

Booster Club Funds At Work: At this month's meeting, these funds were approved for distribution: **\$5,000** for the Boys' Baseball team for field improvements. We will be honoring this request for the next two years. Coach Engelkamp has asked for assistance from the College World Series funding, and various other groups in the Skutt Catholic Community. We look forward to the new, more functional field additions. It will improve the odds for fewer rainouts, and more district and tournament play. This is also beneficial to our school in many ways financially. Many thanks to all of you, our dedicated members and volunteers who make these donations happen.

Concessions:

Get ready for our Winter sports and please look online now to pick the dates that work in your schedule. Go to our website: www.skuttcatholic.com on the main page under Parent Links, under Volunteer Opportunities. We appreciate all of your assistance with The Birdfeeder!! It's a fun way to meet people and be an integral part of the Skutt Catholic Community.

Hawknest: Hey all you avid SkyHawk fans, be sure to check out our Hawknest with all of the many selections: hats, blankets, flags and more! Check the SC website under 'Boosters' for 'store hours'. The Hawknest will also be open during Booster Club lunches - Show your spirit - GO GREEN!! GO SKYHAWKS!!

The new school approved black hoodies will be available in December. We will have a new style of sweatpants with pockets being offered, too. Watch for many good deals for your Christmas purchases! The Hawknest will be open between the JV and Varsity basketball games on the following dates: Saturday, December 5; Monday December 21 and Thursday, January 28. Please check the website for any other hours of the Hawknest.

Membership: Would you like to support Skutt Catholic students? It's not too late to join the 338 Skutt Catholic families who have already joined SkyHawk Booster Club. The Booster Club supports not only athletics but all extracurricular and academic programs as well as miscellaneous school and ministerial needs. Enrollment forms are available in the office and can be found online on the Booster Club page. WE THANK YOU families who have already joined Booster Club. You can see a complete list of our supporters on the athletic program. New members will be added to our list and an updated Booster Club Member List will be published again during both the winter and spring seasons.

Website: Be sure to log-on to the Booster Page often to **volunteer** for concessions, check out the travel directory for directions to an away game, read the Booster Club Meeting minutes or find out the date of the next meeting.

LAICOS IS COMING SOON....If you are not sure what Laicos is, we need to get you up to speed! Laicos is backwards for Social. It is the Booster Club's gift to all of those members who have been so generous and joined the Skutt Catholic Booster Club. We will hold this event on Saturday, January 30, the same evening that Skutt Catholic holds Morp, backwards for Prom, for our students. This year Lacios will be held at the Fox and Hound on 173rd

and Center Streets from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Please mark your calendars to attend. It is great fun for all and a nice night out with parents of your children.

TEACHER AND STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT FUND.....

Start your Christmas shopping early by donating to the Teacher/Staff Christmas Gift Fund. Each year the parents and Booster Club show their appreciation for the hard work and dedication of all teachers and staff. Last year, we were able to give each staff member a cash gift. Please send your donation by Monday, December 7 to SKUTT CATHOLIC BOOSTER CLUB. Please write in the memo area of your check: STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT FUND. Please do not write your checks out to me. Send your donation in an envelope marked Booster Club Staff Christmas Fund c/o: Fran Garvey. Thank you for your consideration. Any questions call Fran @ 493-8444.

The next **Booster Club Meeting** will be Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. Please call or email with any questions: Jeanne Swain 896-1644, swaindoggers@cox.net, Shayla O'Brien 895-1441, shayla.obrien@cardiac.creighton.edu.

the World globe wine stoppers to every chairperson, as a sign of their gratitude for each committee's efforts.

We are turning our attention to Angel Flight 2010. Please consider volunteering for the event. We currently have over 30 different Angel Flight committees. Because training your replacement is an integral part of the equation, we like two co-chairs per committee. That's 60 committee chairs alone---not counting the hundreds of volunteers who work on a committee. It's a big undertaking, but it's for a great cause! JOIN the fun, say yes when asked to serve!

Lucy Smith
Advancement Events and Alumni Relations



Advancement Events and Alumni Relations...

The Angel Flight 2009 Committee Chair Wrap-up party was held November 11 at the West Omaha Upstream Brewery. The restaurant's Legacy room provided a wonderful venue to thank everyone for making Angel Flight 2009 a successful event. Our Angel Flight general chairs, Kevin and Shari Munro and Kevin and Denise Bartels presented *Passport to*



Dates to Remember...

December 1-2 – Advent

Reconciliation Services

December 3 – Late Start – 9 a.m.

December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass

December 12 – ACT Test

December 14 – Noon Dismissal; Teacher Professional Day

December 15-17 – Semester Exams

December 18 – Exam Snow Date; Teacher Professional Day

December 21 – January 3 – Christmas Break – No School

January 6 – Christmas Mass; Junior Parent Meeting

January 14 – Late Start – 9 a.m.

January 18 – No Classes

January 22 – ProLife Vigil in Chapel

January 27 – Senior Class Mass

January 28 – Late Start – 9 a.m.

February 1-5 – Catholic Schools Week

February 2 – Youth Ministers Fair

February 4 – Catholic Schools Week Mass

February 6 – ACT Test

February 10 – Junior Class Mass

February 11 – Late Start – 9 a.m.

February 17 – Ash Wednesday Mass; Lenten Fast; Parent-Teacher Conferences

February 18 – Parent-Teacher Conferences; Noon Dismissal

February 19 – No Classes

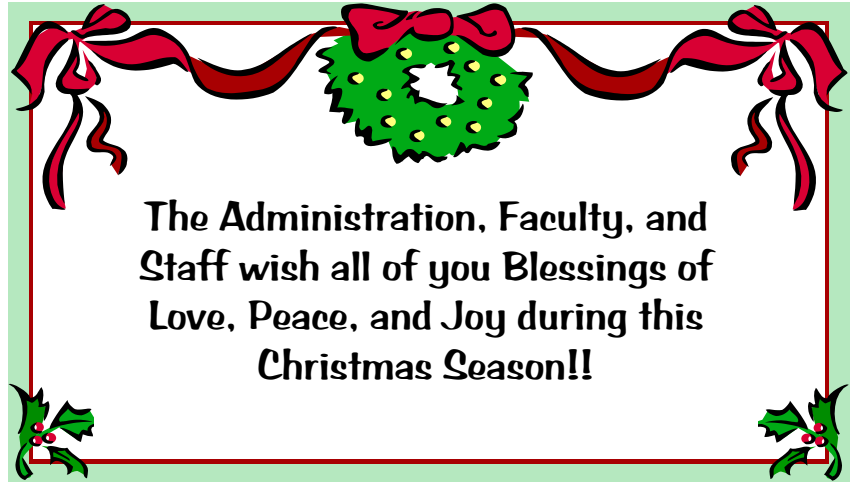
February 22 – 10th Grade Registration

February 23 – 11th Grade Registration; Sophomore Retreat

February 25 – Late Start – 9 a.m.

February 26 – Foundations of Faith Archdiocesan Workshop – No Classes

February 27 – Flight of Fancy



Activity News...



▪ Upcoming Important Dates

December 23-27 - NSAA Moratorium (no athletic activity practices or meetings— school closed)

▪ Admission prices for all regular season varsity or varsity/JV or Varsity/JV/9th games will:

Adults = \$5
Students (K-12) = \$3

JV only – Res. only – 9th only

Adults = \$3
Students(K-12) = \$2

▪ Skutt Catholic “Family” Passes are available. (Reminder these passes are only good for Skutt Catholic regular season home contests)

Congratulations! 2009 Fall Sports Awards

NSAA / US Bank Believers and Achievers Award

This award is a state-wide program designed by US Bank and the NSAA to give recognition to Nebraska’s outstanding students. Our nominees for this year were:

Anna Heffron (12) - Sarah Nordstrom (12)

SC Letter Winners

Softball

Seniors: Ellen Homan, McKenna Setlik, Kylee Polsley, Katie Smid, Samantha Winter

Juniors: Emily Banghart, Becca Gerhardt, Taylor Jonas, Sahra Kaboli-Nejad, Taylor Pick, Allison Wedige

Sophomores: Erin McGonigal, Morgan Olson

Freshmen: Jennifer Daro, Emilee Jonas

Tennis

Seniors: Scott Marsicek*, Max Jimerson*, Alex Paskevic* **State Qualifiers***

Juniors: Greg Kolega*, Tyler Lubben*, Quinn Maass

Sophomores: Brad Prucha, Nolan Healy*

Freshmen: Alec Lubben

Golf

Seniors: Kathleen Coenen, Kiley Eccker, Lauren Huffer, Chelsi Keith, Meghan Korth, Hannah Park

Juniors: Alexis Kaiser, Katherine Samson, Arena Govier, Megan Richter, Megan Rupiper

Sophomores:

Freshmen:

Cross Country

Seniors: Anna Heffron, Jared Homan, Sean Kirker, Paul Troupe, Riley Meyer, Julie Pope, Katie Yuhas

Juniors: Jessica Chekal, Jolene Dreier, Mitch Faltin, Tayler Hough, Allison Kleine,
Thomas Knoblauch-Rankin, Rachel Platz

Sophomores: Chase Gorham, Kate Quandahl, Nickolas Turner, Cody Wesely, Patrick Sumrell

Freshmen: Todd Leutzinger, Margaret Moore

Volleyball

Seniors: Hannah Krick, Jess Hopson

Juniors: Taylor Polacek, Ali Cox, Shannon Mettling

Sophomores: Jenna Schlautman, Kelsey Stratman, Shelby Duren, Colleen Wooten

Freshmen: Jess Diederich

RCC Academic All-Conference

Students have at least an overall 3.5 GPA, are a starter or 1st off bench and are a Soph. - Senior

Softball - Ellen Homan, Erin McGonigal, Morgan Olson, Taylor Pick, McKenna Setlik, Katie Smid, Sam Winter

Tennis – Greg Kolega, Scott Marsicek, Alex Paskevic, Brad Prucha

Golf –Kathleen Coenen, Kiley Eccker, Arena Govier, Lauren Huffer, Chelsi Keith, Meghan Korth, Hannah Park, Alexis Kaiser, Katherine Samson, Megan Rupiper, Megan Richter

Cross Country - Jolene Drier, Jessica Chekal, Mitch Faltin, Anna Heffron, Paul Troupe, Jared Homan, Tayler Hough, Allison Kleine, Riley Meyer, Rachel Platz, Nickolas Turner, Chase Gorham, Sean Kirker, Thomas Knoblauch-Rankin, Julianne Pope, Kate Quandahl, Cody Wesely, Katie Yuhas

Volleyball - Taylor Polacek, Kelsey Stratman, Shannon Mettling, Shelby Duren, Hannah Krick

Member of RCC All-Conference Teams

Softball - Kylee Polsley (12), Ellen Homan (12), Erin McGonigal, McKenna Setlik (12)

Honorable Mention: Emily Banghart (11), Samantha Winter (12),

Tennis – Tyler Lubben (11), Scott Marsicek (12)

Golf – Alexis Kaiser (11), Kiley Eccker (12), Katherine Samson (11)

Cross Country – Anna Heffron (12), Maggie Moore (9), Jolene Dreier (11), Rachel Platz (11), Paul Troupe (11), Chase Gorham (9), Jared Homan (12),

Volleyball Jenna Schlautman (10), Shelby Duren (10), **Honorable Mention:** Hannah Krick (12), Ali Cox (11)

Class B Softball All State – Omaha World Herald

Ist Team All Nebraska - Ellen Homan

2nd Team All Nebraska – Kylee Polsley, Erin McGonigal

1st Team Class B - Ellen Homan, Kylee Polsley, Erin McGonigal

2nd Team Class B All State – McKenna Setlik

Class B All State Honorable Mention – Emily Banghart and Sam Winter

Class B Softball All State – Lincoln Journal Star

Ist Team Super State - Ellen Homan

1st Team Class B - Ellen Homan, Kylee Polsley, McKenna Setlik

Honorable Mention: Erin McGonigal

WINDOW DECALS



A1



A2



A3



A4



A5

Name

E-Mail

Phone

Address

City

State

Zip

Customize Your Decal

Design (Circle One) - A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 CUSTOM*

(Optional) Name On Decal

Quantity

\$____.00 (Quantity x \$10.00)

Total

*Custom Text (Instead of Sports Listed)
This May Include: Soccer, Cross Country, Golf
Tennis, Track and Field, Swimming or anything
you'd like!

1st Choice Decals

Send your order form to Skutt Catholic High School, Attn. Beckie Rago (Skutt Cheer),
3131 S. 156th St., Omaha NE 68130

Skutt Catholic High School Presents...

Sophocles'

Οεδιπυς της Κινυ

Oedipus the King

In a New Translation
by Nicholas Rudall

Skutt Catholic High School Commons Stage
3131 South 156th Street

Thursday-Saturday, January 14th, 15th, 16th at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 17th at 2:00 p.m.

Adults \$6, Students \$4 or VIP Seating \$30

Advanced Tickets: mjschnitzler@schools.archomaha.org

Christmas Concert



*VJ & Angela Skutt Catholic High School
Fine and Performing Arts Department*

presents

A Music Department Christmas

Sunday, December 13, 2009

2:00 p.m.

Skutt Catholic H.S. Commons

*Get in the Christmas Holiday Spirit and
enjoy an afternoon of music!!*

Featuring:

SCHS Concert Band
Jazz Band
Beginning Band
Concert Choir
and so much more!

For more information contact the music
department at (402)333-0818